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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO THE MSLA MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE:

It has not been possible for me to contact each of you or to thank you adequately for your good wishes and for the confidence which you have placed in me. However it is with a grave sense of responsibility that I have taken up the duties signified by the gavel.

The fine spirit and unity of purpose evident in the manner in which all appointments have been received, is highly gratifying. If our organization is to extend its influence in the state - and in the profession, we must maintain our high standards, increase our membership, and be on the alert for new opportunities to extend library service whenever possible, working toward legal acceptance of the Plan for Voluntary Certification, and taking every opportunity to keep our problems before the public.

Much credit is due Helen Pessman for the splendid work she has done on the MSLA Directory. The value of the Directory decreases if the information contained in it is obsolete, therefore it is imperative that Mrs. Pessman be notified at once regarding any change in staff, or library hours. The Directory requires 100% cooperation!

If we are to fully utilize the key position which libraries hold in national thought we must make the "duration" a period of preparation for the "reconstruction" which is to come, and work together toward the goal that a better informed citizenry may make for a better social order.

With warm personal regards and cordial good wishes for a profitable summer for each of you, I am sincere in my desire to be of service to you.

Signed:

SALLY FALKNER
President of the Montana State Library Ass'n.

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WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS

In no department of the library is so ready a response, so quick a return for labor expended as in our work with the schools. Our aim is not the reading of many books but is rather the leading of the children to the best in literature.

In the Fall visits are made to each school, talks are given on the new books, and the children invited to come to the library. We feel that we reach every child in the parochial as well as the public schools and have the complete co-operation of the teachers.

In September, Table libraries are prepared for the first grades through the fourth, including the opportunity rooms, some 1,500 books being in use, these are kept until January when new collections are sent and kept until June. Aside from these table libraries, Unit libraries are prepared, consisting of from 15 to 20 books with stereopticon views on any subject the teacher wishes. At Christmas tide about 500 Christmas books are distributed thus creating the Christmas spirit.

In October we start our story hour which includes a cycle and stories for special grades. We also celebrate Library Week, from 450 to 500 A 2nd grades coming with their teachers to receive their first library cards. At this time we start our branch libraries of from 400 to 700 volumes which are placed in six of the public schools in the outlying districts, within the city limits.

Once a week these schools are visited by a member of the staff and the books circulated, in April the books are returned, mended, and made ready for the next year, the children coming to the main library thus encouraging the library habit. Our branch library, which was in fact a children's library, with the cream of our children's books duplicated for the West Side has closed for the duration, the army using the building.

Lists are prepared and circulated through the schools for summer reading and during the summer books are sent to the Campfire Girls and Blue Birds, Girl Scouts and Brownies, the under-nourished children, and the Boy Scouts. The guardians of the playgrounds, the nursery schools, and all groups working with little children make good use of our collection of pre-school books. All of these activities have the one object of stressing the importance of the reading habit.

Josephine Trigg
Children's Librarian
Great Falls Public Library

RADIO PUBLICITY

The public library is an American institution and because of this fact is often taken for granted. The public knows it is here, a good percentage of the people use it, and that is that. By means of publicity a library not only advertises its wares, but keeps itself in the mind of the public as a vital part of the community life.

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Of the many varied forms of advertising the realm of radio is one of the most valuable. The library and its functions must keep pace with the advancements of the rest of the world. Publicity, as well as anything else, has to be modern and up to date to gain the interest of the public, for the library has great competition from radios, movies, and other forms of entertainment. Through the medium of radio a larger percentage of the public is reached and the publicity therefore has wider scope. The human being is more responsive when he is offered something than when he is just told about something and so it is a wiser plan to develop the radio angle as a means of library service rather than just mere advertising.

While certain fields of publicity are limited this is not true in respect to the field of radio. Like the audience, the programs can be varied. Much depends on the size of the library, the town, and the radio station for the type of programs offered, but the goal in the end is the same. Broadcasts from the local library need not be the only means of radio publicity, for there are many opportunities to connect the library up with other programs on the air. A special table or book shelf with books and material on display which are complimentary to other programs is an excellent means of creating interest and offering service to the public. The most important factor is to keep your publicity of interest and importance to readers. The best publicity in the world will be of no use if the library does not stand behind it. So make your publicity as good as your library.

Be your library and radio station large or small the efforts of radio publicity is time and again repaid. Most radio stations are more than willing to give a few minutes each day or each week for a library program if they are asked. There is nothing more gratifying and pleasing than to have a borrower request a book that was reviewed over the radio.

Jeanne Bennett
Assistant Librarian
Kalispell Public Library

The Kalispell Public Library uses one hour of radio time each week--two fifteen minute periods, and the remainder in five minute periods.

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"LETTER FROM NEW GUINEA"

Just off the press is the book, "Letter from New Guinea" by Vern Haugland (Farrar, $1.50). It is the experiences of the author, an Associated Press correspondent, who was forced to parachute from an army plane and landed in the jungle of New Guinea where he wandered for 42 days before reaching an allied base.

Mr. Haugland graduated from Bozeman high school and received his B.A. degree in journalism from the Montana State University in 1931. Previous to his transfer to Australia and war reporting, he worked on the Sentinel and Daily Missoulian in Missoula, the Butte Standard, joined the Associated Press in 1936 at Salt Lake City and thereafter worked in Boise, Idaho, and Los Angeles.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

The best publicity agent which the library can have is the [illegible] patron who belongs to its friends. But satisfied patrons are not sufficient [illegible] culated and exciting necessary for the library to [illegible] large, well-supported public libraries employ [illegible] members who arrange the newspapers, plan radio programs, [illegible] and conduct semi-[illegible] city-wide library projects. Small [illegible] can't afford all this and so the chief librarian or perhaps [illegible] member undertakes the library's public relations.

"Generally speaking, any activity designed to [illegible] with facts about almost any idea or subject can be [illegible] relations function. This means that public relations [illegible] promoting publicity, press agentry and [illegible] to form public opinion about a new government, [illegible] concept", says Averell Broughton in CAMPBELL'S PUBLIC [illegible].

The small library's public relations are where [illegible] save staff time if she or the plan. Does your [illegible] recently? A friendly call will help to learn [illegible] news the paper will print, whether or not there is [illegible] (reductions in newsprint have eliminated lists of [illegible] papers; perhaps you can compromise with only "important" [illegible] in which to send news and when to send it. [illegible] to one of the reporters so that it will be [illegible] be ready with news when it is [illegible]. Some news [illegible] annual reports, appointments of [illegible], summer reading projects, discussion programs, [illegible] lists if written are more accurate with [illegible] should have a point and be directed [illegible] and not about the library at. [illegible] your reporter on big good items and don't [illegible] get in norms out to a "news in brief". [illegible] librarians need to study news style and [illegible] AND EDITING by [illegible], Glover, PUBLICITY [illegible] FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES by [illegible], Ward, [illegible] A PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM published by the [illegible] 130 East 22nd Street, New York.

Listen-able radio programs take [illegible], preparation, [illegible] delivery and usually the small city library [illegible] talent. Have you thought of [illegible] on important new books added, Book Week, a [illegible] lights of the annual report, the library book [illegible] wide library needs, our information service? [illegible] libraries, therefore, it must be compact [illegible] frequency and we must be worth listening to. [illegible] radio program try: HANDBOOK OF BROADCASTING by [illegible], DON'T QUIT by [illegible], Stoussat.

Book exhibits according to [illegible] of the library [illegible] exhibits on democracy, war, peace, for book [illegible] give plan and equipment to the library's [illegible] be allowed for poster making. High school or [illegible] make posters and sometimes [illegible] make posters if material is furnished. There are [illegible] arranging exhibits which illustrate need to know. [illegible] PLANNING by [illegible], Fourteen and study [illegible] bulletin on Public [illegible].

Book talks by the staff accompanied by the books and reading lists for distribution are a form of public relations. One library as part of its war service sent letters to clubs, churches and other organizations asking the privilege of sending a staff member to talk for ten minutes or so on the significant new books. Staff representation on local cultural, educational, recreation and defense committees, staff participation in canteen work, the ambulance and nurse's aide corps are also public relations.

Public relations is as old as civilization itself but the practical application is a developing science. Public relations exist in every part of the library's services which touch, in any way, public interest. Focal points are in the loan desks, telephone and the library's program of publicity. The success of the library's public relations may be measured in the public's use of the library and the amount of good will which exists toward the library. Public relations is one of the means by which librarians can attack "what's wrong with libraries" and create a public opinion to secure increased budgets, take library boards and staffs out of local politics, secure trained and qualified staff members, achieve certification, and retirement pensions, build and modernize buildings and extend the services in local, county, regional, and state-wide units.

Margaret Fulmer
M.S.L.A. Director of Publicity

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THIS BRAVE NEW COMMITTEE

Winston Churchill has nothing on the Legislative Committee of MSLA with his Blood, Sweat, and Tears. Even though the Association has been unsuccessful in its attempts to secure an appropriation for the State Library Extension Commission, the Association has not yet been crushed Under the Iron Heel, and the Commission still remains Unconquered. Mr. Davies' Mission to Moscow may have been a confidential report to the State Department, but there is nothing confidential about The Unfinished Task of getting a bill through the legislature to provide funds for the Commission. The Business and Professional Women's Club of Butte made an excellent start for us this past winter. The Chairman of your Legislative Committee, at the request of this club, made three trips to Helena during the legislative session to talk with legislators regarding the Commission. Of course, this was by no means an Assignment to Berlin, but she would just as soon have seen War in the Desert. However, four weeks' time and the concentrated efforts of only one county were not enough to secure The Peace We Fight For. We do not want Government by Assassination, But if that is the only way in which we can get funds for the State Library Commission, then let's Begin Here.

The statement has been made that how well the people of this nation are to be educated to their responsibilities as citizens in a democracy and in a new world order will depend in great part on the leadership of librarians. This is a definite challenge to Montana librarians, and we have a big job ahead of us. Defense Will Not Win the War with our legislators. We must Union Now to interest individuals, groups, and clubs in state-wide library service. Of course, this means work. But there can be no reward without work. Let No Wave Engulf Us. Let us

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Make This the Last War. When the next legislature meets, let us not be found wanting. Never let it be said that Montana librarians are From the Land of Silent People. The Time is Now for our Prelude to Victory; 1945 for Total Victory.

Kathleen Campbell, Chairman
Legislative Committee, MSLA

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VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

The following resolution was adopted at the Victory Book Campaign Board meeting in New York City July 28:

> RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors instruct the Director to make every attempt to have the books that have been collected, sorted and distributed by October 1 and that the Board of Directors plan to close the Victory Book Campaign by November 30.

If you have VBC books on hand, will you please weed and report them to Victory Book Campaign Headquarters, Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N.Y. as soon as possible. 2,000,000 more books are necessary to fill outstanding requests. We are asked to do everything possible to stimulate collection and sorting before October 1 and to report promptly shipments which are ready.

Montana's 1943 VBC total is 29,861 books, with 45 counties reporting. No reports have been received from the following counties: Fergus, Liberty, Meagher, Park, Toole, Rosebud, and Treasure, and there have been no directors for the following counties: Carter, Glacier, Golden Valley, and Jefferson. If you have not made a report for your county, will you please report your total at once?

Thank you and all those who helped you including the trucking firms which gave free transportation and your newspaper and radio which gave free space and time to the 1943 Victory Book Campaign.

Margaret Fulmer
State Director VBC

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PIONEER LIBRARIAN PASSES

Word has been received by Mabel T. Miller, Librarian of the Helena Public Library, of the death of Miss Josephine M. Haley of Chicago, former librarian of the Helena Public Library. Miss Haley, with Miss Buckhouse was a pioneer in promoting state laws in the interest of city and county libraries. Miss Haley retired from the Helena Public Library in 1929.

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POST WAR STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, prepared by the Committee on Post War Planning of the American Library Association with C.B. Joeckel, chairman, is just published and available from the American Library Association.

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M.S.L.A. MEMBERSHIP

A letter from the M. S. L. A. treasurer, Ruth Eismann, to the editor of this issue of the Bulletin says in part:

"Membership chairmen for the various districts are as follows:

Libby District	Mrs. Mildred Grawe	Kalispell
Billings District	Miss Olive Brain	Billings
Miles City District	Mrs. Sally Falkner	Miles City
Helena District	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller	Helena
Great Falls District	Mrs. N. B. Ackley	Lewistown
Butte District	Mrs. Julia E. McMullen	Butte
Havre District	Miss Ruth A. Eismann	Havre

Librarians in these various districts are urged to pay their dues to their chairman promptly, and we hope that each library will try to show a 100 per-cent membership this year.
Your library (Missoula City and County Library) gets the blue ribbon this year for being the first to have 100 per-cent membership."

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Miss Eismann's membership list includes forty-five names. Is one of them yours?

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Mrs. Hazel Christianson, Librarian of the Big Horn County Library writes to ask of the public librarians who read this bulletin, "In what grade are children transferred from the children's room to the adult department?" This matter has developed into a real problem in Mrs. Christianson's library. She will appreciate hearing directly from other public librarians about this matter. The procedure followed in the Missoula Public Library is detailed herewith.

At the Missoula Public Library juvenile readers are eligible to receive an adult card when they have completed the eighth grade. Formerly the card was not granted until school opened in the fall and the eighth grade graduate became a high school student. Two considerations have made it seem advisable to grant adult borrowers' privileges at the beginning of the summer vacation. The first is that to do so provides an incentive for the students to continue reading during the summer. Many borrow a few adult titles and then drift back to the more familiar book collection of the juvenile room. Some read from both the adult and the juvenile departments. Others, who have probably been borrowing adult titles on their parents' cards, become definitely adult borrowers.

The second reason for granting adult borrower status at the beginning of the summer is that there is then more time to help these "young adult" readers become acquainted with the adult book collection, since the work of making the many transfers on the records is spaced through the summer and

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does not come at the beginning of September. At that time the work load is particularly heavy, due to the increase in registration of both adult and juvenile borrowers that always occurs at the opening of the school year, and the preparation of the classroom library collections and visits to the schools, which are part of our regular routine.

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YES, IT WORKS!

Because there have been many inquiries concerning the terms of the contract existing between the Commissioners of Missoula County and the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Missoula, it appears that it may be of interest to readers of this bulletin to have them published in brief form.

By virtue of a contract between the County Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of the Missoula Public Library, the Missoula County Free Library pays $1,500.00 a year (approximately one fourth of its income) to the city library for housing, janitor service, incidental staff service, light, heat and telephone. The city of Missoula withdrew from the County Library Service and supports the city library as it did previous to the organization of a County Unit. The city library receives its revenue from taxation on property within the corporate limits of the city of Missoula only. Support for the county library comes from taxation on all property held in the county, outside the corporate limits of the City of Missoula. Thus no property is taxed for the support of more than one library.

Each library budgets its funds separately. The salaries of the librarian, professional assistants, and part-time staff are paid from the salary funds of both the Missoula Public Library and the Missoula County Free Library. The same staff works in both libraries, and both libraries are under the supervision of the Board of Trustees of the public library, the members of which are appointed by the city commissioners. The librarian of the Missoula Public Library is also librarian of the Missoula County Free Library.

The county library has its own book collection, which is not available to city borrowers; but by the terms of the contract, county borrowers may be served from the city library loan desk.

The point to be emphasized about this contract is that it has worked successfully for twenty-six years, and with full measure of satisfaction to both the contracting parties and the reading public.

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Miss Margaret Fulmer, Publicity Chairman, reports that the MSLA Bulletins are lined up for the year as follows:

July-August	Public Libraries	Miss Ford	Missoula
September-October	PNLA, Book Week	Miss Sultzer	Butte
November-December	Regional Libraries	Miss Ratekin	Libby
January-February	County Libraries	Miss Lewis	Kalispell
March-April	Pre-convention	Mrs. Falkner	Miles City

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DEMONSTRATION OF REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FINISHED

The one hope for a regional library in Montana within the near future seems to have vanished when the four cooperating counties divided the books which had been acquired, and bookmobile service was discontinued.

Clara M. Roberts, librarian of the Choteau Public Library writes:

"Our patrons miss the WPA bookmobile. Wednesday, July 14, the books were divided among the four counties contributing to the project--Cascade, Judith Basin, Teton, and Pondera. Cascade succeeded in getting enough signatures to guarantee a free county library. The patrons of the Choteau library (Teton County) are very disappointed that we were unable at this time to be so fortunate. However, we hope to have a free county library in the future."

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FLATHEAD COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

The County Library in Kalispell is progressing very slowly. As yet, we have no furniture--not even one book shelf. There are three tables upon which books are stacked almost three feet high. The furniture order has tangled with a number of priority orders. However, we are still hoping it will arrive about August 15. About 200 books are completely catalogued, and we intend to issue these (one by one) to over-insistent patrons. It was originally hoped the library would be officially open by August 1, but due to a number of difficulties, we are now planning to open the library "as soon as possible". At present new light fixtures are being installed.

We have a good collection of new books, both adult and juvenile. Collections will be established in Somers, Big Fork, Columbia Falls, Half Moon, Belton, Essex, and Coram and in a number of schools throughout the county. We hope to maintain a small rental collection at the main library--we are not sure it will be a successful venture.

The assistant librarian is Mrs. Irene Loveday of Kalispell.

We are very proud of our large front windows, which, although they are still devoid of even a sign, we intend to use soon to a good advantage for display purposes. Very soon now we shall display a new and very shiny "shingle" above our front door.

I would like to express my appreciation to the many friends who have extended their good wishes and offers of assistance in my new venture.

Jeane Lewis

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE CHOTEAU PUBLIC LIBRARY

The book collection has grown somewhat lately with the addition of the quota of WPA books and the gift of several private libraries from residents who were moving away. These books are desirable titles and are greatly appreciated.

The library is acting as clearing house for the distribution of magazines. They are brought in by readers and given to the library to be "distributed where needed.

Letters from men and women of Teton County serving in the Armed forces and news items about them and other Montanans are being collected and preserved

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in a scrapbook.

Four boxes of Victory books were collected in Teton County this year. Last year twenty boxes were sent to the army camps. (This record does credit to Teton County.)

MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY

Just four years ago Volume One, Number One of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin, dated July-August, 1939, made its modest bid for the attention and interest of Montana librarians. Its size was limited to a single page; its contents carried no pretensions to wit or wisdom; its appearance laid no claim to beauty. It was an example of strict factual reporting, plain and unpretentious. The project of putting out a bi-monthly bulletin was proposed as a means of communication among the members of MSLA, whose contact previously had (with the exception of occasional meetings and discussions by a few individuals) been limited to the yearly meeting of the Association. To get it started the Missoula Public Library and the Missoula County Free Library volunteered to put out the first issue. Other libraries offered to sponsor succeeding issues, and before the meeting of the Association in Helena was concluded, the life of the Bulletin had been guaranteed for more than a year.

How it has grown in size, broadened in content, and improved in appearance, in its first four years of life does credit to those who have been responsible for its regular appearance on the desks of librarians throughout Montana the past four years.

It is interesting to note in looking back at the first issue that the amendment to the County Library Law permitting the organization of regional libraries had been passed at the 1939 session of the legislature; members of the Association had voted to submit to voluntary certification; and two Montana authors, Grace and Olive Barnett of Missoula, were about to publish their third book, GRASSHOPPER GOLD. These authors now have seven titles to their credit. But there are still no regional libraries in Montana, and an item in another part of this bulletin carries the information that the demonstration which promised so well for the establishment of a regional unit has not achieved its goal. Montana librarians are still attempting to work out a plan of voluntary certification, having failed at each legislative session to achieve the certification law which was a subject of discussion among them long before this bulletin was born.

However, this comment is not intended to strike a note of pessimism. The history of the Association reveals that none of our major gains were achieved without years of planning and hard work. And this Bulletin which has proved a successful cooperative project is in itself no small achievement. It has demonstrated that we can work together as a group; it has served as a means of informing the membership on matters of policy and on pending legislation; and it has brought the librarians of Montana together in clearer understanding of professional problems, in unity of effort toward their solution, and in closer personal acquaintanceship, bridging the long, long miles which Montana counts in hundreds.

As the Missoula Public Library and the Missoula County Free Library go send out an issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin, it is with a feeling of satisfaction that a previously untried venture has proved successful, and a confident hope that this very unimposing publication may continue to grow in information, interest, and influence.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Probably no libraries in our state are equipped financially or otherwise to handle Braille books for the blind. Nor can many Montana libraries afford to build up a collection of talking books for this relatively small number of potential readers. But there is a minimum service to this handicapped group that several libraries are giving, and perhaps several more might afford; that is providing them the opportunity to read The Reader's Digest Talking Book.

The records of each issue of this talking book are ready shortly after the magazine itself has appeared on the newsstands; they go through the mails postage free: and they are packed for easy handling by the blind borrowers. The library which circulates them pays a yearly subscription fee for this service.

Many of our blind borrowers are taxpayers, but have been unable to avail themselves of any of the library services. Here is an opportunity for public libraries to give service where it is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. The Department of Public Welfare in Helena will supply details concerning the distribution of this periodical for the blind.

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AS IT WAS TOLD TO US

A reader approached the reference librarian and said he would like to know upon what date Easter had fallen a number of years previously. The librarian, intently searching the statistical tables by which dates are computed, said, half to herself but with obvious concern, "I wonder what day of the week Easter was on that year?"

"On Sunday, I imagine", said the reader helpfully, but with a slightly patronizing air.

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DID YOU EVER HEAR A PEACOCK SING?

He was a minister of the gospel with the build of an athlete; and he was a constant user of the library. He bounded up the stairs to the Reference Department two steps at a time and demanded all in one breath, "I want an article by Berton Braley, published in The American Magazine "DID YOU EVER HEAR A PEACOCK SING?"

The assistant in charge inquired, "Do you know what issue of The American Magazine it appeared in?"

"No, but it was within the last six months."

After looking in the Readers' Guide, she said, "I don't find that article listed within the last six months; perhaps it was earlier."

"I don't think so."

Looking in the Readers' Guide of a year back she announced, "I still don't find it. Are you sure you have the title right?"

"Yes, I know I have that right. There was a picture of a peacock on the cover, with the title of the article, DID YOU EVER HEAR A PEACOCK SING? If you will let me have the magazines, I know I can find it."

With faith in the Readers' Guide unshaken, she brought out a year's issue

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of The American Magazine to occupy the impatient preacher and returned to her search, going back another year in the index. Still there was no article bearing the provoking title, DID YOU EVER HEAR A PEACOCK SING?

The minister, meanwhile, made a vigorous search through the magazines and was heard to mutter to himself, "I wonder what kind of a boner I'm pulling now?" Then he began repeating his search with more thoroughness.

Convinced by now that he was "pulling some kind of a boner", the assistant inquired, "What was the article about?"

"It was about people being proud and overbearing."

She turned again to the Readers' Guide and began looking under the subject "conduct of life", but she was not looking for an article about a peacock by Berton Braley.

Finally she asked, "Could it have been "Fine Feathers" by Edgar Guest?"

"That's it, that's it! Now how did I ever mix that up?"

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Miss Beverly Darrow of Miles City, has recently completed the apprenticeship course offered at the Carnegie Library and is now employed as a student assistant. Beverly is a junior at the Custer County High School and a new member of MSLA.

The Woman's Club of Miles City, assisted by the Senior Girl Scouts and children of the elementary schools, conducted a two day Tag Day for the benefit of the library during the last week in May. In addition to receipts from the Tag Day there were generous contributions from the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, Catholic Altar Society, Ladies of the Methodist Church, Episcopalian Aid, and J. C. Penney Co. and Vaughn-Ragsdale Stores. A total of $123.70 was raised and presented to the library for the purchase of new titles.

Mrs. Emlyn Benson, librarian of the Havre Public Library, will spend her vacation, the month of August, visiting a sister in California.

Miss Kathleen Campbell, librarian of the Montana State University Library at Missoula, has returned from her vacation which she spent in Denver.

Miss Evelyn Swant of the Missoula Public Library staff returned to her duties August first after a vacation trip to Seattle.

It is with regret that MSLA accepts the resignation of Miss Virginia Sanders as Chairman of the Adult Education Committee. When Miss Sanders leaves her position as Catalog Librarian in Billings to take up new duties at the State College of Washington in Pullman, MSLA will lose a valued member.

Miss Dorothy Huston of the Billings Library has agreed to act as Chairman of the Adult Education Committee. Miss Huston has filled this responsible post before and MSLA is fortunate in having her accept the appointment.

Sally Falkner of Miles City will attend the Institute devoted to the public library in its community relationships which is being conducted by the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, August 23-28.

A new member of MSLA whose name has been reported since receipt of the membership list from the treasurer is Florence Grape of the United States Forest Service Library in Missoula.

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Replacing Miss Guinevere Crouch, Miss Ruth Gill has recently been appointed librarian at the School of Mines Library in Butte. Miss Gill is a graduate of William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, and holds degrees from Indiana State University and Columbia University.

Miss Ella Triol has resigned from her position as librarian in School District Number One at Lewistown.

Miss Beverly Bohna, librarian at White Sulpher Springs, has resigned her position and has gone to California for a visit with her father, L.W. Bohna.

The new librarian of the Whitefish Public Library is Mrs. Arthur C. Engelter, formerly librarian of the Whitefish schools. Mrs. Engeltor assumes her position as an employee of the city of Whitefish. Previously the library has been operated by volunteer workers from the Whitefish Woman's Club. The new library hours are from 2 to 5 P.M. every week day, and from 7 to 8 P.M. each Tuesday and Friday night.

The hearing on the petition for a county library in Cascade County has been set by the county commissioners for August 9 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Cascade County Library Council states that more than fifteen organizations, including civic organizations and labor groups are supporting the work of the committee toward establishment of a county library.

On July 27 Robert Colvill finished his apprenticeship at the Missoula Public Library and became a member of the part time staff. On July 28 this new staff member paid his dues to become a member of the Montana State Library Association to keep the membership record of the Missoula Public Library at 100%.

Miss Virginia Smith, librarian of the Lockheed-Vega corporation, spent two weeks in Missoula on a recent vacation trip. She reports that she has more business with the selling than with the lending of books, having sold to the Lockheed employees some $4,000 worth of books in one of the spring months.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mae Bell to Richard Coffman on June 12th. Mae completed the library science course at the University in June, 1942 and since then has been employed at Boeings in Seattle. The couple will live in Bremerton, where Mr. Coffman is employed at the shipyards.

Mrs. Elaine Nelson Flint has resigned her position on the staff of the Montana State University Library. For the past three years she has been assistant in the Documents and Serials Division of the library.

Printed quotations on education from Socrates and Josiah Royce were presented to the June high school graduates of Stillwater County with the compliments of the Stillwater County Library, Columbus, by Miss Zoe Bauer, Librarian.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Plains Public Library has conducted a weekly story hour for children during the summer. The story hour is held in the park across the street from the library and afterwards the children go to the library to borrow books. Some of the mothers have helped the librarian in this project; and in addition to the stories which are told and read there has been dramatizing of the stories, games, and even a picnic. There has been an average attendance of 23. The Library Board is sponsoring a pet parade on August 6, with a family picnic following in the park.

The librarian at Plains, Mrs. Winifred Burdick, has also started an adult reading group. The readers are now enjoying "Chicken Every Sunday". It is planned to continue the activities of this group during the winter months, when some more serious reading will be undertaken.

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NEWS NOTES FROM LINCOLN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

The main project for the summer has been that of weeding the shelves of out-of-date and worn material. It is rather hard, sentimentally, to discard a book that Mr. Jones used to look at once in a while before he passed away, but there is really quite a thrill to getting the departments more up-to-date, at least to us anyway. A few surplus copies of good titles were donated to the Victory Book Campaign. The shelves look much better (we hope) and should be more usable.

Garbled titles still amuse us and the one most abused at present is Rock and the Wind. We get calls for the Rock and the Stone, the Windy Rock, the Big Stone, the Breezy Stone, and "that big book, like Anthony Adverse, about a wind storm". The Chiffon Scarf had its day too, and one lady could not call it anything but the Grey Veil.

The Lincoln County Historical Society has come into existence this year and already has a nice collection started. The County Commissioners authorized the building of an attractive show case to be placed in the Community Room under the Library and with its glass shelves and natural wood finish it is a suitable repository for the items gathered. The Librarian is the Curator and is finding it very interesting. We have always had an historical interest; and this exhibit supplements a picture collection in the Library proper sponsored by the Libby Pioneer Society. Much interest is being shown by old-timers, and we hope the project will be worth while. Officers for the Society are: President, W.E. Doak; Vice -President, James Mahoney (County Commissioner); Secretary, A.A. Wood (Superintendent of Schools); Custodian, Inez Ratekin.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE DILLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dillon Public Library reports a circulation of 10,422 books for the past year with a definite trend toward the reading of non-fiction. Books about the war and the countries where fighting is in progress have been in demand. There has also been a call for books on nursing. New additions total 322 books. Of these 120 were gifts. Among the donors were the Shakespeare Club and the American Association of University Women.

A new plan of shelving high school and junior high school books separately has proved satisfactory to both the students and the library staff.

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Beaverhead County contributed more than a 1,000 books to the Victory Book Campaign, beginning January, 1943.

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MONEY SENSE

Our MSLA treasurer, Ruth A Eismann seems to have, quite appropriately, a gift that might be called money sense. At least she recognized the value of a bit of local color when she sent a three sentence item to The Readers' Digest and received in return a check for one hundred dollars! This item appears in the July issue of The Readers' Digest on page twenty-six.

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Mrs. Lucinda B. Scott, Librarian, Historical Society of Montana, reports that the library is preserving the official publications of the State Defense Council and government documents sent to the library. Bound files of the newspapers of various localities throughout Montana will give a contemporary picture of the war activities in each community. The Historical Society Library is asking each community or county to write a brief history of the county's contribution to the war effort and file with the Historical Society of Montana for use of future historians.

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Miss Kathleen Campbell, Librarian, Montana State University Library, reports that the library's war information collection of books, magazines, government publications, pamphlets, maps, war poster, and a special collection of propaganda material from the information services of foreign countries is supplying not only local, but state-wide war information needs. The University is sponsoring weekly a radio program entitled "Reading for Wartime." These broadcasts, which are digests of books and magazine articles pertinent to the war effort, are given by members of the library staff.

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MONTANA: HIGH, WIDE AND HANDSOME by Joseph K. Howard, news editor of the Great Falls Leader will be published this fall by the Yale University Press.

COPPER CAMP, a detailed story of Butte from 1864 to the present, written by the Montana Writer's Project, 1943, Hastings, is now available.

EQUAL CHANCE: BOOKS HELP TO MAKE IT is out in an up-to-date edition and is available in quantity from the American Library Association. 37% or 204,935 Montanans are without library service. Montana spends .32 per capita for library service, which provides 1.04 books per capita.

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The Bulletin mailing list is not up-to-date because you have not sent the names of new staff members and changes of address to Mrs. Helen Pesman, Montana State College Library, for a revision and new supplement to the Directory of Montana Librarians and Libraries.

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Grateful acknowledgment of help in the preparation of this bulletin is made to the staff members of the Missoula Public Library for their willing cooperation, to librarians throughout Montana for their generous contributions of material, and to the Montana State University Library for its preparation of the supplement which accompanies this issue.

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Butte Public Library

Julia C. Stockett, P.N.L.A. President 1942

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LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Recently I attended two very fine meetings at which a number of librarians from the Pacific Northwest were present. The first of these was the B.C.L.A. Convention held in Vancouver on May 25th and the second, "An Institute on the Library in the Community," at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School August 23rd-28th. I am sure that everyone at both these gatherings felt well repaid for the time spent.

War and post war planning were stressed and the library's place in the community of the present and of the future emphasized. Planning for tomorrow now, is part of the war effort--it makes that effort vital and builds up democracy. It is obvious that our organizations must not only be kept together but improved and our ideas of betterment projected into the years to come if libraries are to fill their role in general evolution.

With the omission of the A.L.A. Convention in 1943, these smaller gatherings assume an added weight and importance. The numbers attending them are not large enough to constitute traveling and housing problems and such meetings give inspiration to librarians sorely needing it.

I wish every member in our P.N.L.A. Region could have been at these two varying types of conventions and I hope the Montana State Library Association and other groups will meet in 1944. Our organizations must grow toward increasing perfection every year and librarians, in turn, need equally all that their library associations can do for them. Of great importance, too, is the informal exchange of ideas and the renewing of old and making new friendships.

BOOK WEEK 1943

With Children's Book Week (November 14-20) in the not distant future, the librarians of the state must be on their toes to make it a success. With toys hard to get and the supply of books quite adequate, we return to the first principles of Book Week, to help the adult secure the proper book for the child. And with the 1943 books more numerous and beautiful than ever, we are sure the only difficulty will be transportation.

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So visit your libraries and stores where exhibits are held and make your selection. You will find the librarians not only helpful but eager to help. The Bulletin wishes a successful week to every library in the state.

HELENA'S PLANS FOR BOOK WEEK

Our 1943 BOOK WEEK DISPLAY will feature new books. (A Patriotic display featuring flags of the United Nations.)

Newspaper lists of the new books on display during Book Week with an invitation to all children and parents to visit during the week. Waiting lists will be made for the new titles.

The teacher of the Pre-school (kindergarten group) has arranged to bring her class of little ones to visit the library during the week.

Saturday morning STORY HOUR will culminate Book Week. Some of the new books will be featured in the telling.

A BOOK WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Book Week comes in November; but the boys and girls of Missoula County have a book week of their own sometime in September, when the librarian's trusty Ford makes the county circuits bringing books to every school. Teachers who have taught in the county before are expecting us; and new teachers have been informed by the pupils that library books will soon be there, so they are not surprised when we appear at the school house. Boys, big and little, are on hand to carry the cartons of books. There is a book - in fact, several books - for each child; and when these have been read there are always more to be had for the asking.

In supplying all the recreational reading that a school can use the county library makes it possible for the school library funds to be spent for dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other reference material that can be used by pupils of all grades over a period of years. Where there is a small enrollment and only a few grades in a school in any one year, books owned by the school suitable for only certain grades would be used only intermittently and much of the time stand useless on the shelves collecting dust. But with service supplied by a county library the school can choose each term just the books that are needed for the pupils then enrolled, and other schools can be using the books it does not need. Such a system makes every book serve more readers and gives each reader many more books than any one school district could supply, and gives them at minimum cost.

The county library distributes books where books are most needed, and helps to make every week a book week.

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AN INVITATION

Sally Falkner of Miles City attended the Institute on the "Library in the Community" held in Chicago Aug. 23-28, 1943 and reports the meetings were well planned and very broad in scope. In addition to the out-standing librarians who addressed the Institute, there were specialists from the fields of sociology, education, social service, religion, O.C.D. and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Falkner has ordered a copy of the proceedings and will be happy to send it to anyone who may care for it.

THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW

The Adult Education and Library Extention Committee of the P.N.L.A., of which Miss Alice A. Frost of the Seattle Public Library is head, is asking libraries throughout the Pacific Northwest to collect books for the Japanese in the relocation centers at Minidoka, Tule Lake, and Hart Mountain.

Miss Kathleen Campbell, Miss Nina M. Ford, and Miss Margaret Fulmer are serving as a sub-committee for Montana for the relocation center at Hart Mountain, Wyoming.

The librarian at Hart Mountain has reported that the need there is for children's books. Can Montana libraries make the collection of good children's books for Hart Mountain a special Book Week project? If so, could you please write to Miss Margaret Fulmer, Billings Public Library, Billings, Montana.

ADULT EDUCATION

Montana librarians, what are you doing about adult education? Are you keeping pace with its possibilities now and do you realize the place of adult education in the postwar world?

We need to plan now for the men who are already being demobilized from military service because of age or physical disability. Many of these men will be drawn back into familiar occupations, but for others there will be positions in new fields. Is your library ready to be an active force in helping these men to become trained for their new jobs?

Are you up-to-the-minute in your knowledge of the community's plans for the postwar period? Is the public library a part of those plans?

Of course, we are busy and it seems impossible to introduce any new service for our readers. But have we really eliminated everything that is inessential in our daily routine? If your answer is "yes", then you will have to perform a miracle by doing the impossible. Adult education is increasingly important and either the library will meet its challenge or become in fact the nonentity which far too many people think it is today.

Adult education specialists are busy making suggestions for postwar service of libraries, but no matter how brilliant these suggestions are they will be largely ineffective unless we, the librarians in small towns and cities, translate them into action.

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The chairman of the MSLA adult education committee wants your suggestions as to ways in which the committee can be of help to you. Would you like the committee to act as a clearing house for pertinent suggestions in the field of adult education? Or just what would you like? If you are willing to serve on the adult education committee, please write to Dorothy Huston, Chairman, MSLA Adult Education Committee, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings, Montana.

We also want to know what you are doing now in the field of adult education. Are you sponsoring discession groups? Do you prepare lists to show what your library has in the field of postwar planning? Do the people of your town know that you have up-to-date books on mathematics, machine shop methods, areonautics, etc.? Please tell us what you are doing no matter how trivial it may seem to you.

THE WORLD CALENDAR

In response to a request from the President of the Montana State Library Association, the following summary of the main points in the proposed world calendar is presented.

To quote from The World Calendar, a pamphlet published by the World Calendar Association, Inc.,

"Since the present calendar was adopted, the world's tempo and mood have changed. The face of our world has changed. Our lives, our habits, and our needs, have changed. Civilization is ever devoted to the ideal of progress-to make life simpler and better for all people. To adapt the calender to that ideal is a logical move for progress."

The proposed calendar is 365 days long with an extra day inserted every four years. Since 365 is not divisible into quarters, one day is set aside. With 364 as the base, the year is divided into four quarters of 91 days each. The first month of each quarter contains 31 days each; the others, 30. Thus January, April, July, and October have 31 days in the world calendar. Every quarter would begin on the same day, Sunday. Thus, the same date of the month would come on the same day of the week every year. National holidays, according to the Association, could be arranged so that they all came on Monday. Now we come to the 365th day which was set aside. This day would come at the end of December and it is recommended that it be a World Holiday.

If the World Calendar Association is successful in its planning, the World Calendar will go into effect 1945. To date fourteen nations have signified their endorsement of the calendar.

Since the MSLA President wished our Association to go on record as approving or disapproving the world calendar, each member should give the matter her serious attention. If you wish information on the subject, please write to Dorothy Huston.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE

BOZEMAN: Dr. R. R. Renne, who spoke to MSLA at its Billings meeting, has been made Acting President of the College.

Bettie Eagle, a graduate of the College, has been appointed a Library assistant to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Miss Jeane Lewis.

Mrs. Lois Payson, Librarian at Montana State College, has been appointed editor of the PNLA QUARTERLY, the October number of which will appear sometime in November.

BUTTE: The Bulletin extends its sympathy to Miss Ida Sternfels, a member of the local library staff, on the death of her mother. Mrs. Sternfels, who would have been ninety if she had lived until December 7, suffered a fall about three weeks before which eventually caused her death, on October 5. Then Miss Sternfels fell three days before her mother's death and will be confined to the hospital until November 1.

Mrs. Julia E. McMullen is enjoying a belated vacation which she is spending in Spokane, Washington.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY FREE LIBRARY: We had about 1400 men of the 331st Service Group, Army Air Corps stationed at Fort Benton for six weeks. They left the first Saturday in September. Quite a number had their wives with them. The facilities of the library was made available to them and they seemed to appreciate the privileges.

In the Conrad High School, Helen Fauskir is to be librarian and English teacher and in the elementary grades Nettie Gaghagen in substitute teacher and librarian.

Gwen Benson Nottingham, former assistant librarian in Chouteau Co. is spending the winter with her husband's parents in Long Beach, California. Her year old son is with her.

CUT BANK: One of the new members of MSLA is Vivian B. Clever who hails from Cut Bank. May we extend her a hearty welcome.

GREAT FALLS: The Cascade County Library has been setablished with Mrs. Amy Patterson as librarian. She will have one assistant in the Main Library and branch librarians in the smaller towns of the county. At present, the Great Falls Public Library is entirely separate.

Avilde Hauknes replaces Beth Sprague as High School librarian in Great Falls. Miss Sprague resigned to be married. Miss Hauknes comes well recommended, having had practical experience as teacher and librarian both in North Dakota and Nevada.

HAMILTON: The newest member of MSLA is Helen Yost, who is librarian at the Research Laboratory at Hamilton. She reports that her predecessor, Catherine Baker is librarian at a Naval hospital in California.

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HAVRE: The final count for the vice-president of PNLA is as follows: Margaret G. Black 67; Lois B. Payson 128; Eleanor Stephens 141.

Mary Almas, daughter of Mrs. J. S. Almas and the late Dr. J. S. Almas, of Havre, was married on August 1 to George Edward Antunes, jr. of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Antunes worked for a short time in the reference department of the Montana State University and for the past two years has been librarian at the naval training station at Newport, Rhode Island. Mr. Antunes in in the U.S. service and is located, for the time being, in Washington, D. C.

HELENA: The father of Mrs. Mabel T. Miller was accidently killed on August 19 of this year. The Bulletin extends sympathy to her and regrets this late notice.

Miss Erin Janzig resigned from her position on the staff of the Helena Public Library, September 1, 1943. She has not announced any plans for the future.

KALISPELL PUBLIC LIBRARY: Miss Patricia Gibbons, Librarian of the Kalispell Public Library, wishes to announce her engagement to Rev. Willis M. Rosenthall, Priest of the Episcopal Church of Kalispell. No definite date has been set for the wedding but it will take place late next spring.

The Kalispell Public Library conducted two Summer Reading Clubs this summer. The first one had a patriotic theme and flags were used for membership tokens. Each child could paste a star in the field for each book read and when 48 were completed a gold star was pasted on the large wall flag. Each child became a "Gold Star Member" when they had read 48 books. The second club had an Indian theme and this one was used mainly to interest children in reading non-fiction books. For each book read a fether in the Indian's headdress was colored and after reading 20 books the children became members of the "Council of Chiefs". The first club was the more successful and there were 190 members.

Miss Gibbons spent her summer vaction partly at her home in Eureka and part at Whitefish Lake. Miss Bennett made a trip to Wisconsin and spent some time in Helena and at her home in Glasgow.

A new book case has been added to the Juvenile room which adds not only to the appearance of the room but helps greatly the space problem. Looks as if we will be piling books on the floor in the near future—but we are grateful for small blessings.

In cooperation with the Registered Nurses Associstion we have made an informative and attractive display featuring the need for student nurses. The material was supplied by the nurses, helped out here and there from our own supply. The point of interest from the display angle is a lovely, red-haired doll dressed in a nurse's uniform with one arm held out in an appealing call for help. We even got interested after looking at the doll but decided to remain where we are.

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LEWISTOWN: The summer vacation reading conducted this year in the Junior Department proved to more than a success. We had about one hundred children sign for the course and all seemed to enjoy the project.

This fall the Junior Librarian visited every grade school room in the city. An entire week was given to this work and every grade was contacted. The rules of the library were explained; new books were discussed and all children were urged to become borrowers. This type of advertising seemed to appeal and we issued over two hundred new cards that week.

The freshman class from high school visited the library and became acquainted with the staff and the workings of their library. The use of the catalog, reader's guide and etc. were explained. Several grade classes visited the juvenile department.

On September 4, 1943 a son was born to Sgt. and Mrs. N. B. Ackley. Mrs. Ackley is the former Corinne Bonde and librarian of Carnegie Public Library Lewistown, Montana. The new arrival was christened Blaine Carl. Mrs. Ackley will be back on duty November 1.

MALTA PHILLIPS CO: The circulation dropped some two thousand in the last fiscal year altho the magazine circulation was up over 150 during that time, Since there has been less work in that particular department considerable time was spent this summer in weeding out many duplicates, particularly on the fiction shelves. Lists of books to be removed were sent to the two Branch Librarians at Dodson and Saco to be checked and returned and soon several cartons of books were enroute to library shelves where they were or will be appreciated. In this way, 367 books to date have been withdrawn from overcrowded shelves.

In January of the present year, the apartment in the Library basement was thoroughly cleaned and renovated and offered to the librarian for living quarters. This was indeed a grand arrangement and especially appreciated on cold stormy days. The County Commissioners have been most generous because last year the upstairs in the Main Library was re-painted and re-calsomined. At present, there is no extra help but by being so nicely situated and by planning the work systematically, things are running along very smoothly.

The Cub Scouts are getting ready for the coming Book Drive for the soldiers by gathering twine, cartons and even books. They seem very eager to help--in fact are glad to have such a project.

MEAGHER CO: Dora Lee Harris have been appointed librarian for the Meagher Co. Library at White Sulphur Springs to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Minnie Austin.

MILES CITY: A new column called "The Literary Guidepost", has recently been added to the Sunday edition of the Miles City Daily Star. Here Monica Morgan of the Star reviews outstanding new titles for adults - "selected from the shelves of the Carnegie Public Library", and Sally Falkner, Librarian presents 'book talks' for the younger readers.

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Lucille Hardy, a Sophomore at the Custer County High School has recently completed the apprenticeship course offered by the staff of the Carnegie Library of Miles City. Lucille will be employed as student-assistant in the Children's Department.

MISSOULA: Two resignations from the Staff of the Missoula City and County Library occurred within the past month when Mrs. Rhea Strawn went to Spokane to become librarian of Whitworth College, and Miss Margaret Dunstan left to be married.

STILL WATER COUNTY LIBRARY: Zoe Baur, librarian of the Stillwater County library reports a number of plans which they are hoping will be successful.

First - A celebration of their 15th anniversary as a County Library.
Second - A Tag Day
Third - Monthly community discussion groups.

Such plans make a very busy woman of a librarian when this activity is added to her regular duties.

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The editor of this edition of the MSLA Bulletin wishes to thank all members of the Association, who helped her with their notes and their advice.

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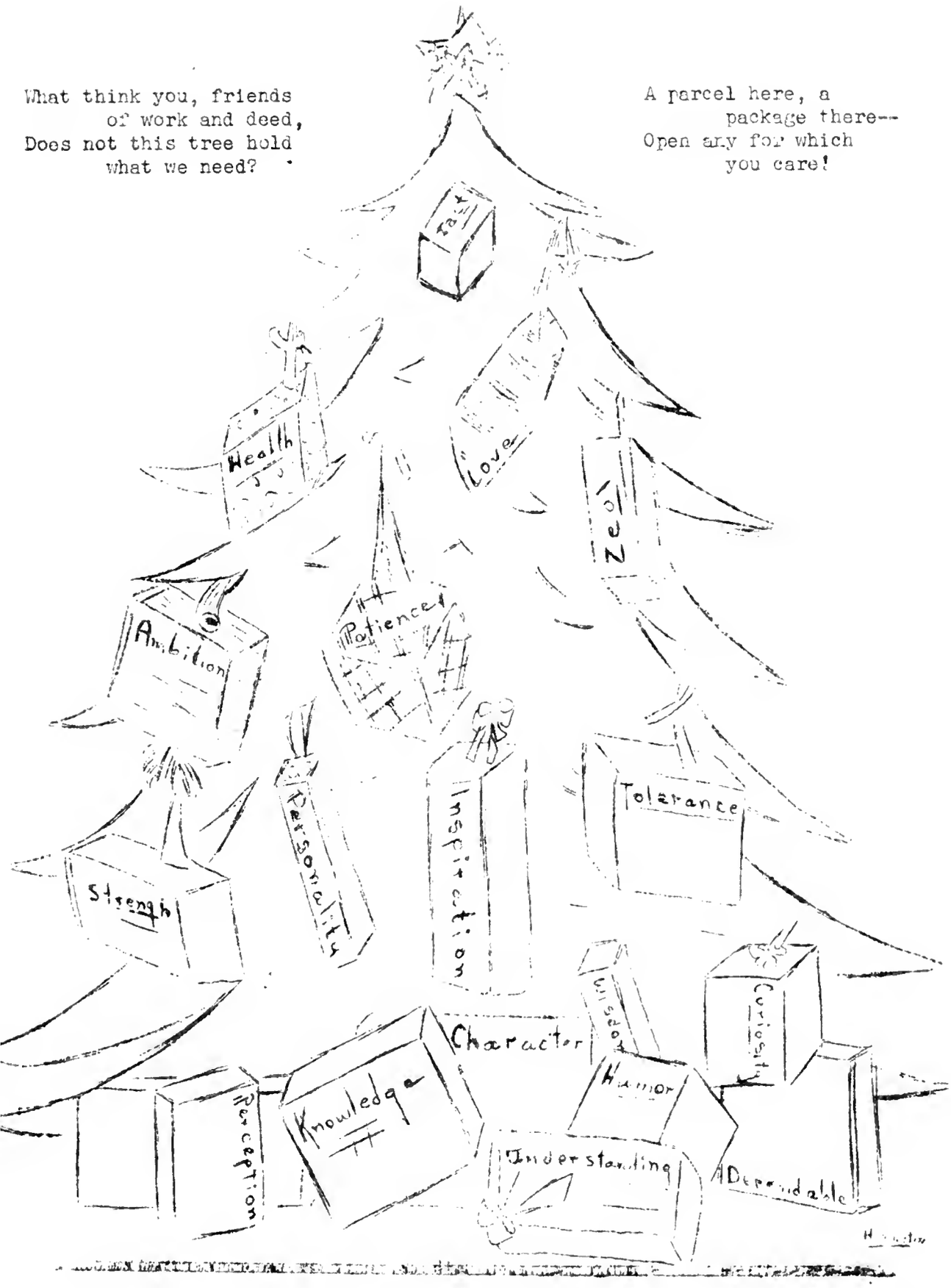

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REGIONAL LIBRARIES FOR MONTANA?

WHY NOT ?

By Nina M. Ford, Chairman
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An article on regional libraries appearing in a library bulletin, like a sermon preached for the regeneration of sinners, will seldom reach the audience for which it is intended. The sinners probably were not present to hear the sermon, and those individuals of the reading public who might make the best use of information on regional libraries will probably never see an issue of the Montana State Library Association Bulletin. I am assuming that all librarians who read the Bulletin are informed as to the nature of regional libraries, how they operate, and what they might do toward serving the more thinly populated regions of our state. But at this point I recall that the first lesson stressed on that first day in library school was to "take nothing for granted". So, perhaps I should not assume that all librarians of the state have thought about regional libraries as have those of us who are priviliged to do extension work in the county field.

A regional library might be defined as a library serving an area larger than a single county, but not encompassing the whole state. The regional library, conceived as a Montana institution, might reasonably be supposed to extend its service over two, three, or four counties, the number of counties participating being determined by their geographic size, distribution of population, and transportation facilities to the remote points of the territory from the centrally located library.

Such a regional unit can be established by an agreement entered into by two or more counties, or by a contract between a county desiring library service and an already established library in a neighboring county. Those, in brief, are the provisions of the law. The detailed procedures are clearly stated in the Montana County Library Law, and the amendments thereto, and need not be explained here. Your county attorney can produce a copy of the law and explain its provisions.

Procedures for establishing a regional library are not complicated; the need for them is woefully apparent; their support is not excessive. Why, then, are there no regional libraries in Montana?

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Perhaps one answer lies in the people themselves, those who would derive the most benefit from regional library service. Many - perhaps the majority- of them have never know library service of any kind, or their experience has been with a service so limited that they simply do not know what they are missing. And having no appreciation of what riches a few dollars in tax money might provide through a regional library, they are reluctant to increase the tax burden even by the levy of a fraction of a mill. Perhaps, too, they have observed the inadequate service offered by some of our poorly supported county libraries and have decided that service of that type is not greatly to be desired.

Another possible and partial answer may lie with the librarians. They are the logical persons to explain what a regional library is, how it functions, and what it might do for underprivileged rural communities. Their leadership is needed. Many potential readers do not know that there is a law on our statute books making possible the establishment of county and regional libraries. Who is to tell them if it is not the librarians? These librarians are employees of the city or town, and may feel that they have no obligation to carry the message of library extension and its benefits beyond the borders of the locality that employs them. Some, I suspect, are too well satisfied with the status quo, and hesitate to promote an undertaking that might lead to extensive reorganization and increased work. Others may hesitate to initiate a movement when there is no guarantee of success, forgetting, perhaps, that many libraries have been established only after years of effort.

Other factors retarding the establishment of regionsl - as well as county - libraries are the rivalry and jealousy existing between various small localities. It seems to be the general opinion of the citizens of any town or village that unless their particular town or village is the site of the regional or county library that they will not share proportionately in its benefits. They have long been accustomed to having all other county offices located at the county seat, but their library like their school they feel should be close at hand. There is also an almost universal reluctance to making their own book collection a part of the holdings of the regional or county library, and a general misunderstanding that this will be required of them. Any community can retain its own book collection intact and still share in the resources and services of a county or regional unit. And in reality, it matters little where in a region the library is established, if it is the right kind of a library. If it is, the greater part of the books will not be found reposing on the shelves of the central library. At least two thirds of them will be circulating from the stations and schools throughout the region. And the books waiting on the shelves of the central library are always on call for the use of any borrower, even in the most remote part of the library's territory. Anything that librarians can do to clarify these points and break down rivalries, prejudices, and misunderstandings is spade work for library extension.

With the formation of the Flathead County Library (1942) and the Cascade County Library (1943) Montana has fourteen regularly established county units. Should there be a county library in each of the fifty-six counties? In the opinion of this writer the answer is no. There should be adequate library service profided to every resident of the state, but it is doubtful

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if a library in each county could in every instance provide service that could be classed as adequate. A minimum amount of revenue required to provide service of that standard in Montana is probably about six thousand dollars yearly. The state law sets a maximum of one mill as a levy for the support of countywide library service. In the more thinly populated regions of our state the total taxable valuation of property within the county is low. Unless the county commissioners will levy the full mill, and unless the revenue produced by that mill levy is sufficient to enable a county library to operate efficiently and extend its distribution of books to the remotest corners of the county, then a better and more economical means of getting books to the rural communities should be found. A county unit operating at fifty per cent efficiency or less due to lack of financial support cannot furnish a type of library service that recommends libraries to taxpayers as a worthwhile investment.

It was for these areas of low taxable valuation that the provisions of the law relating to regional libraries were especially devised. When several counties unite in the support of a regional library unit only one building is needed to house the book collection, instead of the several that would be required if each county had its own library. This means one building to light and heat and keep in repair. One librarian can administer the affairs of a regional library as well as a county unit, and only one executive salary is required. The same books can be read by more people, and so there can be more books. One card catalog, and one collection of reference books can serve several counties as well as one. The one library staff is all that is needed. It may be slightly larger than would be required by a county unit, but not nearly so large as would be needed by several county units. In uniting to share the expense each county pays less than if it were supporting its own unit adequately. Each has helped to provide a larger book collection, a better qualified staff, and a broader and more efficiently administered library service to all.

Another possible answer to the problem of rural library service is a State Library extending its activities to all parts of the commonwealth. But such a library can seldom come as close to the people as a library in or near their own community, where they are probably acquainted with the librarian or one of her assistants, where each custodian is a local resident, and where they can consult personally about their reading tastes and problems. Such personal contacts build interest, and good will, and confidence; and through these comes an enviable opportunity for service.

Nearly half the population of Montana is without library service of any kind; and another substantial percentage does not have the type of service that can be considered adequate. Perhaps regional libraries do not provide all the answers; but until a type of library appears that seems to offer more, let us as an association of librarians and as individual librarians try to lay the groundwork for regional libraries in Montana. Does not the true librarian still have something of the old missionary spirit that has long characterized the profession?

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The Regional Library Committee of MSLA is composed of the following members: Miss Nina M. Ford, Missoula, Chairman; Miss Inez Ratekin, Libby; Mrs. Leon Coombs, Glendive; Miss Jeane Lewis, Kalispell. They will welcome any information or help in their work.

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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN SEVERAL MONTANA LIBRARIES

BUTTE. Children's Book Week, at the Butte Free Public Library, this year was observed by the usual display of new books and by informal talks given by the librarian at various civic clubs. An innovation this year was the visit to the library by a number of groups of Girl Scout and Campfire Girls. Classes from several of the outlying schools also came to the Children's Room. Talks were given to these children and we feel we have created some new interest, which we hope will continue.

(Miss Ruth Sultzer.)

KALISPELL. National Book Week was celebrated at the Kalispell Public Library using as a theme "Circus Time". The main display consisted of a circus tent made from book covers and miniature animals were the star performers. A circus parade went around the edge of the table. Individual shelves were used as "Sideshows" and appropriate signs designated the type of book featured-such as "Daring Adventures" revealed a shelf of adventure books.

(Miss Patricia Gibbons.)

HELENA. Book Week was a jolly week at the Helena Public Library. Several teachers, pre-school and primary, brought their little folks to view the new books which were on display. Excitement was rampant on Saturday morning, while big children, little children, scotties, collies, St. Bernards, and bull-dogs, all gathered to hear Miss Pearl Lee tell about Italy.

And thrilling it was! what with many colored pictures of fuming Mt. Vesuvius, Pompeii, earthquakes, and about the interesting people of Italy, what they eat, wear and do. Even after story hour was over, the youngsters stayed on to look and question.

(Mrs. Mabel T. Miller.)

LEWISTOWN. For Book Week this year we planned it around the theme "So you're giving a book for Christmas!". We had a special display in the junior room, with the book house re-decorated with new book covers. A story in the Democrat-News told about Book Week. Parents and teachers called and we offered suggestions of books as Christmas gifts. In the adult department we also had a display of old books and new that would be good suggestions for Christmas. During Book Week we had one day as Bargain Day and cut the fines in half if they were paid on that day. (Ed.note -- We think we'll try that some of these days, it sounds smart!)

(Mrs. Corinne Bonde Ackley.)

BILLINGS. Book Week in the Children's Room of the Billings Public Library broke past Book Week records. Preceding Book Week, Miss Olive Brain, Children's librarian, visited 98 classrooms in the elementary schools to tell the children about Book Wee, and to invite them to use the library. Twenty-five school classes visited the library during Book Week to receive instruction in the use of the library. One hundred sixty-five new borrowers cards were signed. Two hundred new books for children were exhibited and also a foreign doll loan collection. A Book Week window was arranged in the Montana Power window. On Monday, November 15, Miss Brain gave a talk over KGHL on "Childrens' War-Time Reading". Four hundred eighty-five children attended the first two story hours of the winter season.

(Miss Margaret Fulmer.)

HAVRE. Book Week was celebrated in the Havre Public Library by having displays of the new attractive books in the adult and juvenile departments. Classes of lower grade pupils, of the city schools, visited the library with their teachers during the week. The Woman's Club, as is their usual custom, helped to make the week a success by donating a sum of money for the purchase of books for the juvenile department and in assisting with the downtown display.

(Mrs. Emlyn Benson.)

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Some more Book Week

BOZEMAN. Jacket covers for all the new books were hung around the children's room for Book Week. They made a colorful display.

(Miss Geneva Cook.)

MILES CITY. According to an announcement received from Helen Ferris, Editor-in-chief of the Junior Literary Guild, the Carnegie Library of Miles City has been made an honor member of the Book Club of Young Wings, and a small cut of Miles City's Book Week activities appears in the November issue of that periodical. It is stated that this award is in recognition of work done by Mrs. Faikner in the Children's Department. In addition the Children's Department is the recipient of a specially inscribed copy of the "Winged Horse Anthology" by Auslander and Hill.

HARDIN. We had a very nice Book Week. The books are so slow in coming, so we did not have all on display we expected. We had only about 240 on display in the large attractive room in the basement, which we hope someday to make into our Childrens' Room. All the children in the grade school visited the library that week. Each room came with their teacher, staying an hour to look at the new books and enjoy the library. A number of new borrowers were registered during the week. We took a vote of each group as to the best book they have read. Upstairs on the table we had nearly 200 new adult books on display for the week. And we had an interesting display of childrens' books in the Montana Power Office window. This we do all the time, changing each week. All the new books were ready for circulation and we started checking them out the Monday following Book Week.

(Mrs. Hazel Christiansen.)

HELENA. Helena High School Library observed Book Week this year in the following way--The library was closed to general student use while students from the English classes came in regularly scheduled periods to browse through special displays of books placed on all of the tables. Books on the war, aviation, romance for girls, sports for boys and animal stories proved the most popular but many books that would stay untouched on the shelves were discovered on the displays during this week. Our circulation has doubled since this and students seem more aware of the readableness of non-fiction books. They are browsing through the shelves now more than before. A number of the teachers commenting on its value ask for another such browsing period during the year. Our difficulty is in that students from other classes cannot then use the library as the tables are used for displays. They do come in for material which they take back to study halls for use. As many of the books are in constant circulation during the remainder of the year these displays do give students an opportunity to see the books on various subjects all together. During the week no books on the displays are allowed to be taken out. Even though other students are excluded from the library during the week they realize more keenly the service that the library gives them when that privilege is removed for a time.

(Miss Elsie Lundborg.)

LIBBY. Lincoln County Free Library also found that Book Week interest this year exceeded all previous celebrations. Miss Ratekin visited the grade rooms in Libby, Troy, Eureka, Fortine, and Rexford. At Libby, Monday noon, when the library opened there was a sudden rush of the "thundering herd" and the room was full of children eager to see the new books. A number of classes visited with their teachers, also. Exhibits were shown at the two main branches at Troy and Eureka during the week. All of the books were allowed to go out the Saturday of Book Week and they WENT!

The usual county-wide Book Week contest was held and this year the students were asked to make book jackets. There were a number of unusual entries using all kinds of material--paper, cloth, oiled-shellaced paper, oil-cloth, and they were all exceedingly interesting. Book prizes were given to the rooms winning them.

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NORTHERN PLAINS

Montana Librarians, especially those east of the divide, will do well to acquaint themselves with THE NORTHERN PLAINS IN A WORLD OF CHANGE; a study outline for adult groups in the northern plains of Canada and the U.S., by Carl F. Kraenzel, Montana State College, and others. It is a preliminary report recommended for distribution by the Northern Plains Agricultural Advisory Council of the U.S. and the Canadian Association for Adult Education. This publication has grown out of a series of conferences called by the officers of the Rockefeller Foundation under the Foundation's program in the Humanities. The idea back of the Northern Plains is the agricultural, economic, social and regional development of the northern plains area. It would seem that here is a background, maybe a basis, for the development of regional library service in one of the most poorly library serviced areas in the country.
(Miss Fulmer.)

WESTERN POLICY COMMITTEE

NORTHERN PLAINS MEETING.

Billings, Montana, Nov.12-13 1943

The Western Policy Committee asked some thirty people to meet in conference on the problems which confront the Northern Plains Region, people from the Dakotas, Alberta, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. These people were representatives of Agricultural institutions, organized farm and ranch groups, federal agencies, farmers and ranchers. There were many viewpoints presented, some of them conflicting, and the great value of the conference lay in the frank discussion of these conflicting interests, and how they might be reconciled in action programs to the advantage of the region as a whole. Many of the discussions centered in the booklet "The Northern Plains in World of Change", which was sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and was a cooperative study by Carl F. Kraenzel of Montana State College, and others.

Mrs. Lois Payson of the Montana State College, and Miss Margaret Fulmer of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, represented the library angle of the action and education program. One of the Agricultural Experiment Station directors said that it was the first time in his long experience that a librarian had been interested enough in rural problems to attend an agricultural conference, and he found it hopeful, for the rural person of the Northern Great Plains has not received even a minimum of library service.

Miss Fulmer read a paper on the work of her library in fostering discussion and forum groups. She had also arranged a helpful and attractive book and pamphlet display of material pertinent to the Northern Plains, regional development, etc. which was useful and stimulating for the conference as a whole. The Library certainly has a vital part to play in the adult education programs of a regional nature which are becoming increasingly urgent now and will be even more acute in the post-war period.

Representative of the Lewistown group, who all last winter discussed THE NORTHERN PLAINS IN A WORLD OF CHANGE, chapter by chapter, and who are continuing the discussions this winter, added much to this meeting, demonstrating again the value of the conference and forum method of thinking problems thru to a solution which will take in the whole picture. Otherwise the solutions will be based on the desires of pressure groups who concentrate their efforts on their own interests, which may be inimical to the wise economic and social development of state, region, nation.

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A FEW LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREES AND OTHER DECORATIONS

It is pleasant to recall visits at other libraries and also to imagine what still other ones might be like. With this thought in mind here are a few descriptions of holiday dress-ups of these business abodes of ours.

LEWISTOWN. We usually have a little tree up-stairs and a big one down-stairs. Also we had some of our little helpers make cut-out posters which are very colorful and attractive. The Christmas posters are of the Three Wise Men, The Nativity, and The Angel Singing of the Savior's Birth.
(Mrs. Ackley.)

GREAT FALLS. Christmas in all its phases will be observed as usual in the Great Falls Library. We regret that we shall not be able this year to have our Christmas tree in the Children's Room, but the Christmas Story hour will be held as usual and the room decorated with greens. We are most fortunate in having a beautiful creche, the gift of the late Earl Heikka. This attracts a great deal of interest, the children bringing their parents to see it throughout the entire advent season.

Christmas books have been sent to the fifth and sixth grades throughout this city. Christmas posters and lists have been made and are on display.
(Miss Louise Fernald.)

KALISPELL. Flathead County Free Library is planning on having a small Christmas tree and a few festive decorations but nothing elaborate.
(Miss Lewis.)

HARDIN. BIG HORN COUNTY. We always do some trimming for Christmas. In the past we always had a beautiful lighting effect on the outside over the door, but we won't do that this year. We plan to have two Christmas trees about 4 feet high on each side of the loan desk this year. This is very effective. Then we usually trim the ends of the most conspicuous book shelves with green boughs and artificial poinsettas. We have four large windows across the front of our library and some years we have put a large red candle in each one and would light them all on Christmas eve. We usually fix up Christmas scenes of some sort in the Children's Room. In our window in the Montana Power we put Christmas posters with Christmas books.
(Mrs. Christiansen.)

COLUMBUS. STILLWATER COUNTY. Miss Baur writes, "Our Christmas tree this year is going to have on it little paper books with popular titles printed on the outside and a few pages inside on which will be some quotations from the book. There will be both juvenile and adult titles. Santa Claus is going to visit the library sometime during the week of December 13, and leave a big picture book for the little folks. It will be found under the Christmas tree with a "Do Not Open Until Christmas" seal on it. Last year Santa left a little 4-inch clown who walks on a slanting glass, and the year before that a stuffed oil cloth chair with Mother Goose characters on it for the Picture Book corner. "Santa" is the library budget.

KALISPELL. At Flathead County High School Library Mrs. Mildred Grawe reports that the school always has a big Christmas tree in the hall but in the library they display Christmas books.

LIBBY. LINCOLN COUNTY. We always have had a big tree in the children's room but this year we are going to surprise everyone and have two little ones about 4 or 5 feet high. Cedar boughs, hemlock and fir branches and cones are always used with red crepe paper bows in our windows. Candles on either side of the loan desk are usually lit on Christmas eve.

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THE CHALLENGE OF ADULT EDUCATION

Miss Alice M. Farquhar, Chairman of the Adult Education Board of the American Library Association, in her annual report focuses our attention upon adult education as a challenge to all of us. To quote Miss Farquhar:

"The forward look is at the same time encouraging and discouraging. It is encouraging because the war has trained people to look to their public library for the answers to their questions and the solution of their problems, because of our more understanding relationship with labor, the many current experiments with films, bookmobiles, pamphlet selling, and discussion, and the excellent blueprints for service already mentioned. Because of these the future promises the greatest opportunity for adult education ever presented to the public library and the greatest challenge to our ability to meet it. It is discouraging because of the fear that the challenge is greater than our ability to meet it.

"It is a challenge which will not permit drifting and delay. It is a challenge to our faith in the power of library education which will not tolerate the widespread narrow conception of adult education which still holds nor the half-hearted support it usually receives. It is a challenge to our ingenuity in devising and adapting educational methods suitable to library use and in planning effective programs for the small as well as the large library...There must be more emphasis on work with young adults...There must be greater understanding of group motivation and social psychology, more experimentation, more use of new materials and techniques, more coordination with community education in general, better trained personnel...It will be a challenge to our cooperative ability, for libraries alone cannot make enlightened citizens of the entire adult population...It is a challenge to our intelligence on issues and to our knowledge of the best techniques for presenting them to the people. It is a challenge to our courage, which the strength of our convictions must help us to meet.

"Last of all and most important, is a challenge to our ability to put first things first...Adult education in the coming years must turn again to the great truths. We must again convert our institution, this time from a war to a peace effort. The learners will be ready for us. They are already demonstrating their receptiveness. Will those of us responsible for the adult education program be prepared to help them?"

Miss Farquhar's complete report is in the annual reports issue of the ALA Bulletin, October 15, 1943, p.340

Dorothy Huston, Chairman
MSLA Committee

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The article "Passing The Book" by Margaret Howser Charles in the September 1943 issue of Mademoiselle, which was written to recruit young college women for the library profession is available in re-printed form from the American Library Association.

(Miss Fulmer.)

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1941-VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN-1943

Montana 100,613 books National total 17,000,000

About 10,000,000 books have been distributed to the Army, the Navy, The American Merchant Marine Library Association, the United Service Organizations, the American Red Cross, War PrisonersAid, War Relocations centers and to selected industrial areas.

The War and Navy Departments are planning to purchase 35,000,000 books for overseas distribution. It is expected that there will be a continued need for books for camps and stations on this continent, but on a reduced basis.

Mindful of these conditions, the Board of Directors have taken the following action terminating the Victory Book Campaign at the end of the year:

1. That the Victory Book Campaign should assume no responsibility for the collecting, distributing or the financing of any local activity after December 31, 1943.

2. That a small office force should be continued until a later date within the limits of the budget and with Board approval.

3. That local library agencies should be encouraged to collect and to distribute books to nearby camps, stations, the Merchant Marine and other units, and should seek the aid of the Army, the Navy, and the American Merchant Marine Library Association for shipping instructions and transportation, if required.

Please report all books available for distribution as soon as possible as no funds will be available for shipping expenses after December 31st; and report also all book collections which may have been distributed locally and were not previously reported to headquarters.

Montana librarians' interest and cooperation in all phases of the Victory Book Campaign, especially your efforts in collecting and sorting books, has contributed to the success of the campaign to furnish good reading material to the men in our armed services.

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POST-WAR

POST-WAR STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, prepared by the Committee on Post-War Planning of the American Library Association of which C.B.Joeckel is chairman should be studied carefully by every Montana librarian and also the report of the COMMISSION ON POST-WAR TRAINING AND ADJUSTMENT, a statement of principles relating to the educational problems of returning soldiers, sailors and displaced war industry workers, published by the Institute of Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. (Miss Fulmer.)

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE AROUND THE STATE

GREAT FALLS. The Cascade County Library has moved from its rooms in the Valeria Library Bldg. to a county Bldg on Commercial Ave. where more room can be had. Mrs. Patterson, the librarian, reports that the county teachers and patrons generally are delighted with the prospect of having books. It is sincerely hoped that in the near future other counties will join in making a Regional Library, the objective from the first.

(Miss Fernald.)

KALISPELL. FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY. Not much in the category of "news" has occurred here. We are still in the "growing pains" stage and are quite busy with organization problems and such. All our furniture has finally arrived and most everything is well under control. We keep a few things on display all the time (changing them frequently) on tables and in the windows. We are very proud of our circulation record. In October we had an increase of over 250 above the September total and again this month we've had an increase of about 300 over October's total. We think that is a very good record. (We do, too. Ye editor.)

BOZEMAN. Bozeman Public Librarian, Miss Cock, reports that although they have two new assistants this year they can give only part time, so the library is being closed on Sunday afternoons. They have refinished the upstairs floor and had new linoleum laid in front of the charging desk.

COLUMBUS. During November and December, Stillwater County Library is celebrating the 15th anniversary of its establishment as a county library. We had a picture taken inside the library of the County Commissioners and four citizens who have done a great deal for the library, and the librarian.

On Saturday of Book Week the Friends of the Library conducted a Tag Day in Columbus, and received a total of $88.05 for the Library's 15th anniversary fund. People gave all the way from dimes to dollars. Money has been coming in ever since from people who were missed, so that the fund now contains $95.00. On Main Street there were two different people each hour of the day and each couple had a list of firms they were to contact during their hour in addition to the street solicitations. They kept a record of all firms and people giving a dollar or more.

Outside of Columbus we are asking the schools to conduct Tag Days. The Friends of the Library committee acting with the librarian decided that the Columbus proceeds should be used to buy adult books and we told the schools that the proceeds from the school districts would be used to buy juvenile and teen-age books. We wrote letters requesting each organization to give a dollar or a new book to their library as an anniversary gift, and the Friends of the Library treasurer reports that the dollars are rolling in.

We have been collecting the date for a history of our library, and will give it to the local newspaper in the near future.

(Miss Zoe Baur.)

(Happy birthday, Stillwater County Library! May you have many more!)

MISSOULA. The new Unit Course of Study for Montana Schools is just being instituted in Missoula County and the County Library has been called upon to supply supplementary reading material.

HARDIN. Mrs. Christianson reports that they are having to change their furnace from gas to oil because of the gas shortage.

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A.L.A. MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet renewed your membership in or joined the American Library Association, will you please consider the possibility for the coming year? The A.L.A. needs your help!

Kathleen Campbell, A.L.A. Membership Chairman for Montana.

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KALISPELL. FLATHEAD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, Librarian and assistant have been in a dither this last month helping two hundred Sophomores find material for debates on every subject imaginable. - Freshmen classes have been receiving instruction on "How to use the library". - The clipping and pamphlet file has been completely revised and old material (now in books) has been discarded and new material added. - "The Robe" by Douglas is most in demand. "Life" and "Popular Mechanics" are the most popular magazines.--By special arrangement with the publishers we sell READERS DIGEST to the students for 15¢ a copy. Last year we averaged 70 copies--this year so far about 125 a month. The boys who are taking advanced shop work are making a book case for our reading room. We need more space for our fiction books.

(Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe.)

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PUBLICITY HINTS

"Libraries do not need to be told the essentials of good public relations. I know of no other professional group which places so much evidence on friendly, helpful service, an attitude which is basic to the building of good will."--Mary S. Routzahn.

"A Library's Public Relations Program" by Mary S. Routzahn, A.L.A. Bulletin July 1943, is well worth study as are also--
"Libraries and Broadcasting" by Lyman Bryson, Wilson Library Bulletin, Nov. 1943
"Tune in With the Times" by Frances G. Nunmaker, Library Journal, Nov. 1, 1943

The Billings Public Library has had a 3:30 p.m. broadcast over KGHL Mondays, October and November, on the new books released that day, by Miss Anna L Brink, Catalog Librarian. Mimeographed lists of the new books are mailed in advance to friends-of-the-library and those interested in new books.

Radio Station KRJF, Miles City has agreed to present one thirty minute program weekly, under the sponsorship of the Carnegie Library.

Margaret Fulmer, Chairman,
Publicity Committee, MSLA

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P.N.L.A.

HELENA. At a meeting of the P.N.L.A. Board of Directors on Oct. 16, Mabel T. Miller of the Helena Public Library was appointed Montana representative on the Membership Committee.

Montana has a very good percentage of librarians in P.N.L.A.--but I hope it will be possible to reach every non-member in the state and extend an invitation to join the association.

As Montana representative on the Membership committee, Mrs. Miller urges those who have not already paid their dues to the treasurer--Miss Helen Remsher, Yakima, Washington. Will each of you pass along the solicitation to both public and school librarians to join P.N.L.A. at once if possible. Our support and active interest will mean much to every one of us.

The P.N.L.A. Quarterly, the payment of which is included in the dues, will keep you posted on new developments and give you news of friends in the profession.

Annual P.N.L.A. dues for individual members are:

For those receiving monthly salary up to		$124.99	$1.00
For " " "	" $125 to	$199.00	$1.50
For " " "	" $200 to	$299.99	$2.00
For " " "	" $300 and up		$3.00

(Mrs. Mabel T. Miller.)

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PERSONAL TID-BITS

BILLINGS. Miss Virginia Sanders, formerly catalog librarian on the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, recently cataloger on the staff of the Washington State College Library, Pullman, has accepted a position on the staff of the Tulare County Library, Visalia, California.

LEWISTOWN. Miss Clara Lain, former librarian here for many years, and former president of the M.S.L.A. has left Lewistown and is making her home in Pittsfield, Illinois. Lewistown residents and other friends will miss her.

Helen Sweeney, the asst. librarian is taking her vaction in January. As yet I do not know her plans.

MISSOULA. Ruth Dickson, who graduated from the Library School in 1937, has resigned her position in the Naval Training Station Library at San Diego. Since July she has been with her mother in Missoua, coming here at that time because of her mother's operation. Ruth has announced her engagement to Mr. G.V. Robinson, Torpedo man in the Navy in New York. The wedding date has not been set.

Nelliw Maxey Durgan and her husband have a son, James Richard, who was born November 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flint (Elaine Nelson) are the parents of a daughter, Laurel Ann, born August 26th.

As a member of the Bibliographic Committee of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, and as Librarian of Montana State University Library, Miss Campbell went to Seattle November 4th to attend a special meeting of librarians in the Pacific Northwest. The meeting was called by the chairman of the Committee on Bibliography and its purpose was to discuss the future of the Bibliographic Center and specialization in subject fields by the librarians throughout the Northwest. The committee also discussed the question of a successor to John VanHale who resigned to take a library position. Several names were recommended and the Committee is now waiting to hear whether or not these persons are available.

Miss Campbell stayed over a day in order to attend a meeting of the Catalog Section of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Mr. Henkle and Miss Morsch of the Library of Congress were the chief speakers at this session. The discussion concerned catalog problems, advisable changes in Library of Congress cards, and centralized cataloging.

FORT BENTON. CHOTEAU COUNTY. Margie Ann Crawford has accepted a Civil Service appointment with the Navy Department and is stationed at Farragut, Idaho. She writes: "There are nine librarians here. I am assistant librarian at Area J, or Ship's Company Library. The game and recreation room, several offices, and the library are on one floor. The library has only stacks and a railing to separate it from the game room, so there is always a hubbub around us."

Mrs. Myrtle Loney is temporary assistant librarian for Choteau County. She had some library training at Northern Montana College under Elizabeth McCoy, and she has had considerable experience in office work. Her husband is in England with the Army Air Corps.

Mrs. D. A. Mottingham (Gwen Benson) and her son are living with her husband's parents at 2271 Termina Avenue, Long Beach 4. She is employed in the office of the Douglas Aircraft plant there. Capt. Nottingham has seen front-line action in Sicily and Italy.

MILES CITY. Two new MSLA members are reported from the Miles City district. Mother M. Callista Murray, of the Sacred Heart School has splendid plans for the development of the School Library, and is an experienced and enthusiastic librarian. Miss Lucille Hardy, a sophomore at Custer County High School recently completed the apprenticeship course offered by the Miles City Public Library and is now employed as a part-time assistant in the Children's Department. These new members are a welcome addition to MSLA.

Roses are red,

violets are blue,

And here's the Bulletin

All for you!!

Mrs. Laura Zook resigned her position as Librarian Emeritus of the Carnegie Library of Miles City some time in September. Her resignation was effective November first, and terminated one of the longest periods of active librarianship on record. Mrs. Zook served the patrons of the Miles City Library continuously for a period of forty years and ten months.

Mrs. Lennice Wright, formerly librarian at Baker has resigned her position and is now living in Miles City. Her new address is: 515 North Cottage Grove Ave.

KALISPELL. Miss Patricia Gibbons and Miss Jeanne Bennett of the Kalispell Public Library spent the Thanksgiving holiday at the Gibbons home in Eureka.

GREAT FALLS. Word has been received from Miss Josephine Seddon who left in September to take up war work, that she has been accepted into the Waves and will begin training at once.

Miss Alice Strong of the Minnesota University School of Librarianship joined the staff of the Great Falls Public Library September 15. She has been in Saint Cloud, Minnesota since her graduation in 1942.

HAVRE. Emlyn Benson, librarian of the Havre Public Library, was the speaker at the November meeting of the Junior High School P.T.A. The subject was "Reading in the Home".

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MONTANA AUTHORS AND BOOKS

MISSOULA. Clyde Murphy, a former resident of Missoula, took a year away from his regular task to write his first novel, "THE GLITTERING HILLS", and won the first Lewis and Clark Northwest contest sponsored by the E.P.Dutton Co. To date we have no information as to time of publication and price.

Mrs. Kay Wellington has just had a book of poetry entitled "WHITE CHRISTMAS" published by Harbinger House at $1.50. Mrs. Wellington is a teacher at Seeley Lake School located in the Blackfoot Valley of Missoula County.
(Miss Ford.)

BOZEMAN. Two books of much interest and value to the state are MONTANA, HIGH, WIDE AND HANDSOME, by J.K. Howard, just off the Yale University Press. It is serious and forward-looking study of Montana's development, written so well and vividly that once started, the reader can scarcely put the book down, even after the witching hour has come and gone.

The other is MAGPIES' NEST, by Jason Bolles. It is a volume of Mr. Bolles' collected poems, many of which had been published in various magazines earlier. They are instinct with the spirit of Montana's beauty. Mr. Murphy of the MONTANA STANDARD at Butte has given the poems a fitting format: each page of print is satisfying to the eye, the book itself satisfying to the hand. The larger bookstores in the state will no doubt have copies for sale, but if they are not obtainable locally, copies may be procured from Mrs. Bolles, Durston Road, Bozeman, at $2.00 each. (Mrs. Payson.)

KALISPELL. The Montana map which was received from the Mentholatum Company was used to feature a display of books on Montana and by Montana authors. The exhibit was of special interest to the town people because of the books by local authors, two of whom are living here at the present.

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We wish to thank everyone for their generous help. Especially Miss Ford for the feature article, Mrs. Risley for help on the stencils, and Helen Austin for her Christmas drawing

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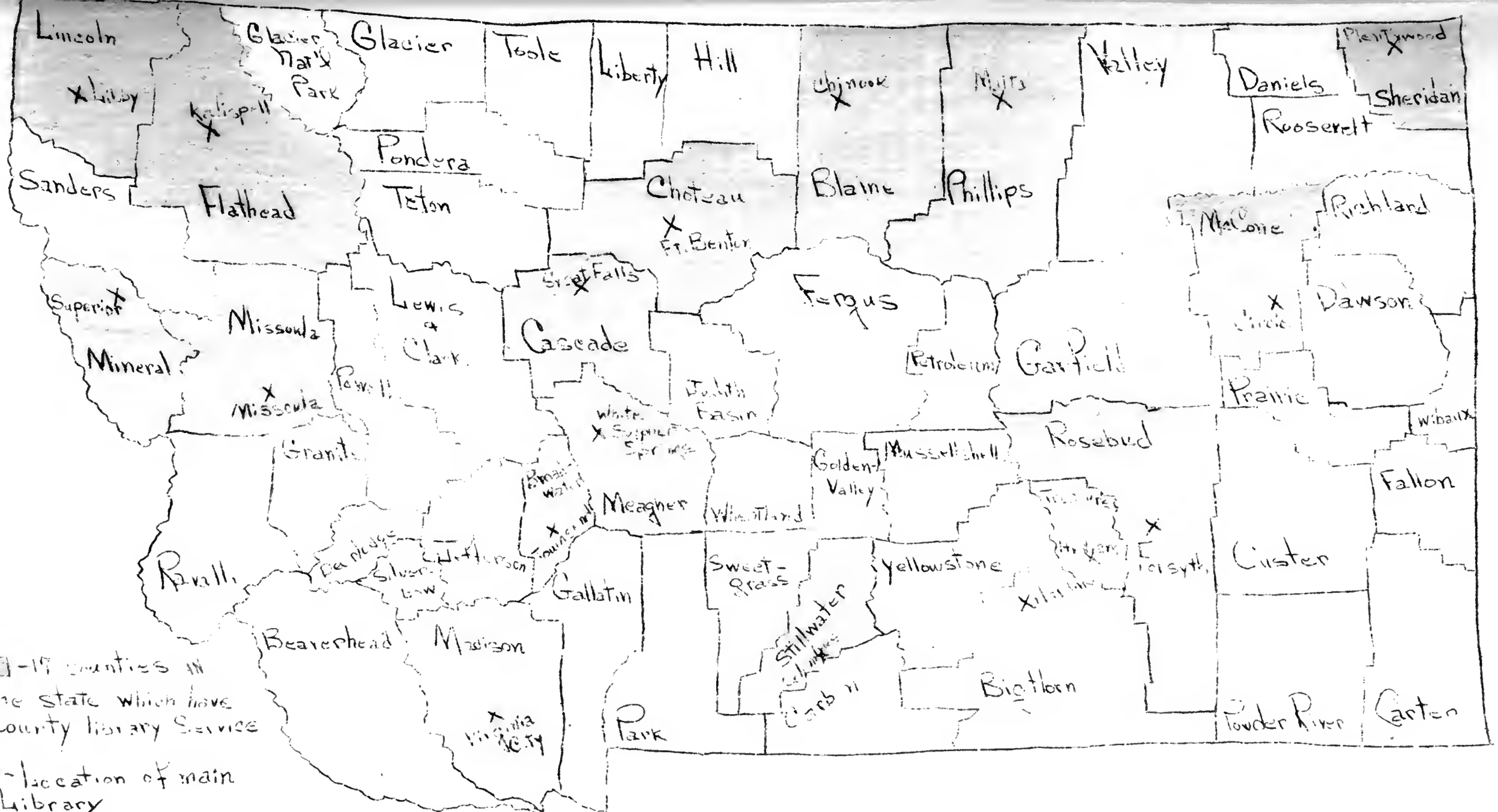

□ - 17 counties in the state which have county library service

X - location of main library

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COUNTY LIBRARY EDITION

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Jeane Lewis, Editor,
Flathead County Free Library

COUNTY LIBRARIES

The accompanying map of the state shows the counties which have county library service. It seems to ye editor that regional library service would be the answer to the problem of library service to rural communitites in the state which are without any library facilities. From the experiences of the founders of the Flathead County Free Library, it seems as though getting the required number of signatures on the petition to establish a county library presents most of the difficulties. The numbers of signatures required has now been reduced from 20 to 10 per cent, and that is one big advantage. Getting people interested in any project is always a long, arduous task and that may be because the average human being lacks vision. Once the project has been established and is well on its way toward success, interest begins to pick up and the public begins to realize the benefits which they didn't visualize in the first place. This brings the problem fundamentally down to one of pure and simple advertising. That sounds as though it were only a problem of good advertising, which is not the impression intended. However, a good, extensive advertising campaign would be a great benefit. Once a county library has been established this advertising campaign has to be continued to build up the circulation. We have done a lot of local advertising about the county library but it hasn't been enough as people still come in and stare vacantly around them and then burst forth with "Hmm! I didn't even know we had a county library" or "My! New books! I had no idea you had any new books. I thought they were all donated!"

Thanks certainly go from this county to Miss Anna Olsrud and many others who fought so long and diligently for a library for Flathead county.

Ye Editor

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WHAT A COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH MEANS TO A COMMUNITY

A county library branch brings the books to busy people. It is more personal and intimate than a city library. The collection is small, and therefore it is easier for the uninitiated to find the books they wish, and if they can't find them, the librarian can borrow them from the main library.

Orchard Homes is only two miles from Missoula, so one might think that there is no need for a branch there: but the branch library is located in the Community Club house, and is open afternoons twice each month when the Woman's Club holds its meetings. Books are distributed before and after the meeting. The women not only read the books themselves, but they select books for their families. Some of our most enthusiatic borrowers are the men whom we never see, but who do not allow their wives to forget a Woman's Club meeting, because of the library books.

One old gentleman sits and reads all day. His daughter reports that she doesn't know what he would do without our library books. In a rural community there are long winter evenings when

a book is a pleasant diversion. Our adult branch is used mainly for recreation and entertainment. Western and detective stories are popular. Modern books of travel, biography and war books are read. The branch librarian also secures books and material for members to aid them in preparing club papers.

With the gasoline shortage it is a great convenience to have the books in the neighborhood instead of having to go into town to borrow them.

We also have a collection of picture books which do not circulate but which the little children, who come to club with their mothers, look at during the meeting.

There is a branch at the Hawthorne School for the children. This branch is open one morning each week, the children are excused from classes, and one grade at a time comes into the lunch room, where the library cupboards are placed. Special collections of timely interest are spread on the lunch tables.

The children are voracious readers. Even the first graders take out pre-primers, and hunt for words which they can read. An interest in reading is created, and this contact with books gives them an added incentive to learn to read.

The children look forward all week to Friday, library day. The older children read their books during the week end, bring them to school Monday morning, and exchange with one another, so that many books are read four or five times before they are returned.

The library subscribes to several magazines--Child Life, Boy's Life, American Girl, Popular Mechanics and Popular Science, the last two being the most popular. The back numbers are kept and circulated, and often as many as twenty-five copies of Popular Mechanics will circulate in one week.

The teachers report that the children who are constant readers of library books have a wider range of interest, a larger vocabulary, and make better grades in the Achievement Tests which are given each year. In the school library the non-fiction books outstrip the fiction in circulation.

The library branch is worth while because it enriches the lives of its readers, and brings joy to little children.

by Alice L. Barnett, Librarian,
Orchard Homes Book Station
Hawthorne School Book Station
Missoula County Free Library
(Sent in by Miss Ford).

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A.L.A.'S POSTWAR PLANNING

The Postwar Planning Committee of A.L.A. was created in 1941. The formula of this committee is that librarians must help clarify issues and encourage reading and thinking about them but avoid trying to impose conclusions.

A number of institutes were organized with the purpose of giving librarians an opportunity to inform themselves with the help of specialists (more or less an experiment in postprofessional education).

They have endeavored to increase the flow of essential government publications to libraries, to get from Washington and relay to librarians information needed by them in operating under war conditions, to advise government agencies when libraries are called upon to assist in governmental programs, and to keep before officials the essentiality of books and library service. Much useful information and advice and many government publications needed in an emergency have been sent out by the Library of Congress.

A number of publications and articles have appeared on various phases of postwar planning since 1941. An important one is "Government Publishing in War Time" (College and Research Libraries, March 1943). Another one is the "Postwar Standards for Public Libraries". Also worth mentioning is Beatrice Rossell's "Public Libraries in the Life of the Nation".

Two of the very important problems now being discussed by committees are: 1. readjustment after the war and, 2. aid to libraries in war areas. A publication regarding the first problem is expected to appear very shortly. Funds for aiding libraries in war areas which have been bombed or otherwise destroyed have primarily been provided by the Rockefeller Foundation. Several thousand dollars worth of scholarly magazines have already been purchased for this purpose.

Postwar standards, it is hoped, will be useful to librarians as a measuring stick of the adequacy and efficiency of present public library service and as a guide in planning public library development for the immediate future and for the postwar period. The committee expects to do some actual planning for public library development in cooperation with regional and state leaders and interested federal agencies. These standards are set forth in the publication mentioned above titled "Postwar Standards for Public Libraries". It is an A.L.A. publication. These Standards are set forth for the following elements of library service: service, government and administration, size and area, finance, buildings, book collections, personnel and technical processes. The five methods of stating standards used are: 1. general qualitative, 2. statistical, 3. satisfactory minima of library service, 4. proportions and ratios, 5. specific service terms.

Ye Editor

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ARE BOOKS ESSENTIAL?

About the last industry that one would expect to see discriminated against in this country, in war or peace, is the printing and publishing of books. Yet according to the War Committee of the Book Publishers' Bureau, speaking for the producers of 90 per cent of the nation's printed volumes, this is happening. The War Manpower Commission and the War Production Board do not seem to regard permanent literature as essential.

If books ate up mountains of paper and oceans of ink and required armies of workers, the attitude would at least be understandable. In fact, book publishing alone employs a little more than 5,000 men and women and book manufacturing employs a little more than three times as many. Books require six-tenths of 1 per cent of the paper processed in this country, and somewhat less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the country's "gray goods" is annually used for binding cloth. A few people and a small amount of material were needed for the 275,000,000 volumes that may have been turned out last year or the comparable number this year: about two-fifths classified as general literature and juveniles, the remainder devoted to law, medicine, religion, science and technology or listed as textbooks or books of reference.

It is late in the day to have to make an argument for books--books as teachers and friends, books as news that is sometimes so good that it lasts for generations, books as tools, books that beguile the soldier's tedium and comfort him when he is wounded or sick. The output of books is up about 30 per cent over 1942, and 30 per cent of the enlarged total is going to the Government and to the armed services.

Book publishing might prosper in time of war with restricted output and higher retail prices. The book consumer wouldn't prosper. Nor would the advancement of learning or even the war effort. The book publishers simply ask for the rating of an essential industry. One hopes that Washington will see the light. We need books just as much as we need infantry.

Sent in by Ellen Torgrimson

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MRS. EMLYN BENSON--HAVRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

It is with sincere regret that the many friends of Mrs. Emlyn Benson heard of her decision to resign her position as librarian of the Havre Public Library, effective February 1st. Mrs. Benson has been librarian of that institution for the past twenty-one years and prior to that time she served on the library board.

Mrs. Benson spared neither time nor effort in rendering a great service to the community and building the Havre Library into one of the best in the state. Her many friends and patrons will testify what a pleasure it is to visit the cheerful building and select books from her attractive collection. Under her supervision the children's room was planned and equipped, and has proved a most popular place at all times.

Mrs. Benson received her training at the University of Wisconsin library school. She was president of the Montana Library Association in 1928 and has compiled a complete history of the association from 1906 to date. She is a member of the American Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association, also serving on many of the committees of the two organizations.

Mrs. Benson plans to visit relatives and friends in St. Paul and Chicago. Her further plans are indefinite, she states, but she plans to take a well-earned rest.

by Ruth A. Eismann

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

In his article "PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR BUSINESS", Milton Wright says that it is what we do to get people into the library that is publicity. After we get them in, what we do to keep them coming is public relations.

Hints: Excellent suggestions for public relations are to be found in the Wilson Library Bulletins, March 1943 and 1944.

Montana libraries may wish to observe the following dates:

National Social Hygiene Day, February 2. Write: American Social Hygiene Association, 1490 Broadway, New York 19, New York.

Brotherhood week, February 20-26. Write: National Conference of Christians & Hews, 381 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.

China Book Week, March 25-31. See: ALA Bulletin, Jan.'44.

Have you read??

"Public Library's Past Record Not Enough" by C. W. Sumner, Library Journal, January 1944. "Sweetiepies for Sourpusses,"—Wilson Library Bulletin, December 1943? (Comment—Ye Editor—"Answers to Gracie" in January 1944 issue of Wilson Bulletin.)

Sent in by Miss Fulmer

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CHINA BOOK WEEK
March 25-31

"All that is needed to have American libraries enter with vim into a burst of Chinese fireworks to celebrate books about China is to send out the news that the Office of War Information has asked for a China Book Week in March 1944.

A good start would be an exhibit shelf about the Chinese in our own cities. Anecdotes like those Carl Blick has collected in the Chinatowns of New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles will point the casual reader lightly in the right direction. SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DRAGON and THREE TIMES I LOW need no more than their titles to win a hearing.

The next step is to let the Chinese speak for themselves. Madame Chiang Kai-shek has proved that knowledge of what centuries have taught in social graces and philosophy made it possible for her to convert audiences which no American woman has ever had a chance to try. The educated Chinese speaker has a winning humor, a dexterous facility in understatement, and an honesty to which all receptive minds succumb. Besides a Chinese talk at the library during March, get the crafts and arts of China to speak . . .

It is not only from the inheritance of the past that the United States will respond to a sympathy with China. In the present generation social changes have taken place there, as incredible as those in our own country. Vanya Oakes is a young American journalist who has come back to Hollywood from two years of war to write WHITE MAN'S FOLLY. She found the determination to help the poor, the resolve to scrap hampering traditions, and the willingness to work and change as strong as they are with us. Nor is China any longer isolated. She faces two ways just as Russia does. She invited the future. Everyone concentrated on a better world future must understand China..."

- Althea H. Warren, ALA President

Understanding China Through Books

Several good bibliographies are available from the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, including: TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING CHINA by Arthur W. Hummel, 10¢ or 25 copies for 75¢, CHINA, BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE by Marian Horton, same prices, THE FAR EAST by Dorothy Borg and Hugh Borton, 25¢ each or 10 for 1.00.

Illustrative Materials

A set of seven Chinese war posters is available for 50¢ from the Chinese News Service, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Information Exchange, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C., has two packets of program material which must be reserved in advance.

Attractive, readable pamphlet material at small cost is available from the American Council on Education, Institute of Pacific Relations, 1 East 54th Street, New York City; the East and West Association, 40 East 49th Street. New York City; Foreign Policy Association, 22 East 38 Street, New York City; China Institute, 119 West 57th Street, New York City.

Sent in by Miss Fulmer

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"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"---in the ALA Council

Do not forget to include ALA dues in your budget for 1944. Many heavy demands have been made upon librarians these days, with their already too small salaries, the income tax seems overwhelming. However, 50 members of MSLA must belong to ALA before membership in the ALA Council is allowed. Let us not lose Montana's representation in the national Council, even though you may have to sacrifice a little to pay your dues. Please send your application and dues either directly to ALA, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or to me at the Montana State University Library. Dues are in accordance with the following salary scale:

Salary	Dues
Under $1201 annually	$2.00
1201 - 1500 "	3.00
1501 - 2100 "	4.00
2101 - 3000 "	5.00
3001 - 4000 "	6.00
4001 - 5000 "	8.00
5001 - over "	10.00

Kathleen Campbell, Chairman
ALA Membership Committee for Montana

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BIG HORN COUNTY LIBRARY
HARDIN, MONTANA

50,000 volumes were circulated from the Big Horn County Library during the year 1943. 25,029 books were borrowed by adults of the county and 24,223 by children. 1931 magazines were loaned during the year. 41 books were borrowed through Inter-Library loan from other libraries in the state for library patrons. The branch library at Crow Agency checked out 2184 books.

300 new borrowers registered during the year. 1,150 books were repaired. 1,000 major references were located for library users. $102.14 was collected in fines and rentals.

643 books were prepared for the shelves, of this number 168 were gifts. 8 new books were received as gifts from the Carnegie Peace Fund and placed in the International Mind Alcove in the County library.

March was the busiest month when 5,053 books were checked out and September was the slackest with 2,829 books loaned.

Books are sent to all the schools in the county, as well as to patrons all over the county.

The library contains over 14,000 volumes and has a total of 5,500 borrowers throughout the county..

We are preparing a splendid collection of mounted pictures which now number over 1,000. These circulate to teachers and interested patrons over the county and are used in school-rooms and by study groups. Any information pertaining to the picture or the artist is put on the back of the picture. We keep them in a large metal file and they are arranged under artist and subject.

We are also collecting considerable historical data about Hardin and Big Horn County. Much has been assembled including a number of old pictures. This material has been used a lot by high-school students and others interested in the early days of our community. This is a very much worthwhile and interesting project and one that will be valuable to the coming generation of our community.

Hazel Christiansen, Librarian

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CASCADE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

When WPA discontinued its projects, including the bookmobile demonstration in four counties, in December, 1942, sufficient sponsor-contributed funds were on hand to continue a regional library until June 30th of that year.

In the interim, petitions were circulated to establish county libraries, and then a regional library, but as there were no funds available for employing a person who could devote sufficient time to the work, three of the counties failed to obtain the required number of signatures on the petitions.

Cascade County, however, was more fortunate. After a public hearing on August 9th, 1943, the County Commissioners approved the free county library project and Mrs. Amy A. Patterson, who had

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HIGH POINT COUNTY LIBRARY
HARDIN, MONTANA.

50,000 volumes were also added [illegible] library during the year [illegible] additions of the county and 24,243 [illegible] loaned during the year. 41 [illegible] library loan from other library [illegible] ter. The bookmobile at [illegible] 3000 borrowers registered during the year. [illegible] were repaired. 1,[illegible] repairs were made [illegible] users. 102,14[illegible] collected in fines and rentals.

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CASSADY COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
Cedar Falls, IOWA.

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had the supervision of the bookmobile project and the short-lived regional library project, was appointed librarian.

In September two branch libraries were established and a part-time assistant was employed. Deposit stations have been set up in several towns and in schools; the demand for books has been very gratifying, and appreciable progress has been made.

Those of us who worked zealousy and earnestly to extend library service to the rural districts in this part of Montana realize fully the necessity of full time employment of a professionally trained person to organize and develop library projects if we are ever to have many of them. We sincerely hope that each librarian in the state will exert every ounce of her influence with legislators and lobbyists to have laws enacted in the very near future to provide for a library executive, as well as for ample appropriation to carry on the work.

Mrs. Amy A. Patterson, Librarian

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CHOUTEAU COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
FORT BENTON, MONTANA

The war has brought about the following changes in our county library:

The past years brought two salary increases to the staff.

The loss of a trained assistant to government service is attributable to the war.

Total circulation figures are lower but the proportion of non-fiction books is much greater. Interest in the war books, especially among the younger readers, is marked.

Clubs are showing interest in Postwar planning, Consumer problems, Juvenile delinquency, Government economy, and other timely subjects.

We are deluged with government pamphlets and bill-board size posters, despite the alleged paper shortage.

I have been appointed for the Committee on Salaries, Staff, and Tenure of P.N.L.A. Miss Julia Stockett of Vancover, B.C., is chairman and she has suggested the following problems for study this year: (1) financial help for young librarians attending conferences, (2) how far unionization has gone among our libraries, (3) a five day, 40 hour work-week scheme in relation to efficiency. She feels that we should not duplicate A.L.A. work by compiling tables of salaries, etc. I should appreciate getting information and opinions on the above questions from Montana librarians.

Ellen Torgrimson, Librarian

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FLATHEAD COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
KALISPELL, MONTANA

The Flathead County Free Library now has over 2700 volumes. We have over 250 patrons who get books from the main library. There are 31 rural schools which have collections of juvenile books and we have 3 branch libraries now. At the end of December we had taken in $17.49 in fines and rental. Our total circulation so far is 5520, of which 3398 books were charged out to individuals from the main library. In the past 2 months we have added 534 new books to our collection. Our rental collection consists of 138 books and 51 of them are checked out at the present time. (That seems a very small number comparatively but there was a time, way back when, when none of them were out.) We have quite a few city residents who are using our rental collection (I adopted that idea as a means of promoting advertising and good will—and it worked!!)

The past few days we've been having lighting fixtures installed—they've been ordered since last June.

We have a collection of old juvenile books dating as far back as 1860, the kind our mothers and fathers read. They are books that were turned in with donations. We are going to have a lovely bookcase with glass doors someday to keep them in (wishful thinking.) We also have a number of lovely old leather bound volumes of poetry which we are going to incorporate into some sort of a collection (at present it's called the X-Collection.) (Any ideas gratefully accepted.) I might add that a very large number of the things which turned up among donated books were not as greatly appreciated by the librarian and her assistant—in fact, we frowned upon a lot of them. But then the scrap paper drive began and - - - - - - - - - -. (I hope no one comes in and asks what happened to "The Prince of Graustark" and "St. Elmo"!!)

Jeane Lewis, Librarian

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MEAGHER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MONTANA

Miss Isobel Duncan is no longer librarian of the Meagher County Public Library. We were getting sixty-five dollars a month from the WPA to pay her salary and when that was no longer available we had to let her go, which we hated very much as she was a very capable librarian.

I have been on the Library Board for some time and we have had some struggles to keep it going, but now we have the cooperation and assistance of the City Council.

The Library was started by the Home Demonstration Clubs of the County in the years 1938 and 1939. We first borrowed books from the University of Missoula, and accepted gifts of books from anyone willing to donate. The H. D. Clubs joined book clubs and thus we were able to obtain the latest books. The County Commissioners allowed ten dollars a month for books for some time also. We also received some books through the NYA program.

We now have a room in a steam-heated building, the rent, lights, and janitor service being paid by the County Commissioners. The City Council pays twenty dollars and the Commissioners ten dollars towards the thirty dollar salary of the librarian.

The time of service has been cut down considerably. The library is now open only from seven until nine o'clock evenings, Monday through Friday, and Saturday afternoons from two until five o'clock.

Saturday is Children's Day, we have a reading hour and have pictures to color and sometimes cut-outs or games to amuse them.

Quite a number of the country people come in Saturdays for books which may be kept for a month. They may take as many as four books at one time.

We have over sixteen-hundred volumes now, and lend an average of one-hundred and fifty books each month. We have about two-hundred and twenty-five visitors each month.

Our Library Board meets once a month and consists of the President of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, the County Agent, one member of the City Council, one member of the County Commissioners, and the librarian.

There are always about sixty of the latest books on the pay shelf, for which there is a charge of ten cents. With this money and what we receive for fines, we buy incidentals, such as paper, ink, crayons, comic-books and mending material.

Dora Lee Harris, Librarian

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MISSOULA PUBLIC AND COUNTY FREE LIBRARY
MISSOULA, MONTANA

At the beginning of the new year Miss Nellie A. Sheets joined the staff of the Missoula Public Library. Miss Sheets received her professional training at the Library School of the University of

Illinois, and the Library School of the University of Minnesota, and has worked in the Detroit Public Library. Recently she has been employed in teaching, but resigned to re-enter library work.

Miss Nina Ford, Librarian

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SHERIDAN COUNTY LIBRARY
PLENTYWOOD, MONTANA

Betty Ann Lund, a high-school student, will be an assistant in the Sheridan County Library until June. Many new books, both fiction and non-fiction, were added to the book-collection during 1943.

Miss Bertha Oswald, Librarian

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ADULT EDUCATION

The chairman of the adult education committee has received a few reports of projects being carried on in Montana libraries which come under the heading of adult education. We are grateful for these reports and hope that other librarians will be inspired to tell about their experiments. We should like to have a lot to tell you in the next edition of the MSLA Bulletin.

At Miles City Sally Falkner has been placing importance on China Book Week. It is true that everybody needs to know a great deal more about China (and all of the United Nations) than we know at present. Mrs. Falkner is much in favor of more discussion groups for Montana libraries.

Zoe Baur writes that the Stillwater County Library has sponsored community discussion meetings. The meetings were held in October, November, and January. The topics: The small community, its future and improvement; Our national community, social well-being and improvement of its government; and, A Philosophy for the postwar world. The idea for the discussion meetings was an excellent one, but Miss Baur reports a very discouraging attendance. To quote: "People were courteous. Their corporate answer ran like this: 'It's a fine idea. Ask Jones to be chairman. He will be good. He reads a lot. I am simply swamped, what with war bond drives, overseas letters to write, etc.' Now Miss Baur has a plan in mind whereby the various organizations in Columbus might adopt the discussion meeting for one of its regular monthly meetings. The idea sounds as though it has real possibility. The discussion would at least be assured a hearing by the regular members of the organization and outside guests would be invited to attend.

Mrs. Leon Coombs writes that Glendive is thinking about its own postwar world and that the library stands ready to help in every possible way. The committee on postwar planning is especially concerned with the very tangible problem of what to do with demobilized soldiers from the standpoint of employment.

Parmly Billings Memorial Library has continued to sponsor the discussion meetings which had their origin here in the fall of 1942. The discussions create considerable interest and we hope that they result in increased thought and more intelligent reading on the part of the audience. Recent topics have been the stabilization of currency in the postwar world and our relationship with Latin America. This coming Sunday, February 6, Mr. D. Leon Anderson of the War Relocation Authority will discuss the problem of the Japanese Americans. If anyone wishes specific information about these discussion meetings, we shall be glad to supply it. Miss Fulmer plans a mimeographed reading list for each subject.

Dorothy Huston, chairman
MSLA Adult Education Committee

INTER-AMERICAN FORUM CONFERENCE

A conference is being held at Montana State College on Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11.

The evening session on February 10 and part of the morning session on February 11 will concern Inter-American relations. The speakers for these programs are being furnished through the courtesy of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, and the Western Policy Committee in Des Moines. These groups are making available additional speakers for use in the state during the next few months.

The remaining sessions on Friday, February 11, will concern in large part the possibility of making greater use of forum groups in Montana for the discussion of problems of interest, local, state, national or inter-national. The Extension County Agents and Home Demonstration Agents will be in attendance and participate in the discussions. It would seem that there will be an increasing number of speakers and program aids available in the future, and community groups which are sufficiently organized may be able to take advantage of programs of high educational and cultural significance. This movement is similiar to that which many states have used extensively for a number of years, and which in some communities certain Montana organizations have employed.

Representatives from a number of state groups are cooperating, and the several units of the University of Montana will be represented. One phase of the meeting will be concerned with plans to make the facilities of the University system available for an enlarged usefulness to the state.

Merrill G. Burlingame
For the Committee

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"Kerchoo!"

There's nothing new
About the flu.
But when the whole
Staff says, "Kerchoo!"
In unison
And half the force
Goes home to bed
Without remorse
To stay a week
Or more, who then
Would want to be
Librarian?

-----The Voice of Experience
(Miss Ford--poet)

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NEWS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES

HAVRE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Havre, Montana---The new librarian, replacing Mrs. Emlyn Benson of the Havre Public library, is Mrs. Mary Alice Lange of Eureka. Mrs. Lange served as a student assistant at the Montana State University Library in Missoula for 4 years, and was assistant librarian in the Chouteau County Library at Fort Benton and was substitute librarian in Ashland, Oregon. Her husband is in the service.

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CARNEGIE CITY LIBRARY, Kalispell, Montana---As we go to press, news has come that Miss Patricia Gibbons will not be a June bride but a February one. Her marriage to Reverend W. R. Rosenthal will take place the 17th of February at the Episcopal Church in Eureka. The bride will wear a white lace wedding gown, fashioned on princess lines, with a finger-tip veil and will carry a white prayer book. Future plans are still tentative. Miss Gibbons will continue her work as librarian until summer.

What with the premature spring weather up our way the librarians of the Kalispell Public Library acquired a "spring cleaning" bug and started a basement cleaning project. Progress is rather slow what with the dust of centuries (so it seems) covering each and every article but the results are so neat, bright and shiny that we're quite proud. The scrap paper drive fell heir to many a pound of paper.

by Jeanne Bennett, Assistant Ln.

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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, Missoula, Montana---Miss Dorothy Peterson, acquisitions librarian at the M.S.U. Library, has announced that she has been accepted as Apprentice Seaman for service in the WAVES. She expects to leave for active duty in about two weeks. She will be promoted to the rank of Ensign within two months. (We shall miss Apprentice Seaman Peterson and would like to take this opportunity of extending to her all our very best wishes in her new venture.--Ed.)

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GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, Great Falls, Montana----Alvilde Haukness, Denver '41, is now librarian of the Great Falls High School Library (Lib. Jour. Nov. 15, 1943).

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION---MSLA extends deepest sympathy to Miss Beverly Darrow, formerly of Miles City, in the recent loss of her father, Mr. Lyle Darrow. Beverly and Mrs. Darrow have moved to Butte where they will make their home.

Miss Lucille Hardy, MSLA member and a high school Junior has resigned her position as assistant in the Children's Department of the Miles City library. Lucille is moving to Helena with her family.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be edited by Sally Falkner, Carnegie Library of Miles City. As this will be the Pre-Convention issue please send items for inclusion to Mrs. Falkner by April 1.

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ORCHIDS

Orchids from ye editor to: Miss Vera Ann O'Neill for the use of essential equipment and valuable assistance; Misses Jeanne Bennett and Patricia Gibbons for tolerance and advice; Mrs. Irene Loveday (assistant at Flathead County Library) without whose valuable assistance and cooperation the Bulletin would never have appeared in print; and to many long suffering friends who endured the company of a sleepy librarian.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

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Pre-convention issue Sally Falkner, editor

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE

31st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

which will be held in Missoula, Montana May 1-2, 1944

HEADQUARTERS - FLORENCE HOTEL

OBJECTIVE: To prepare needed library legislation for the 1945 session of the Montana State Legislature and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: Sunday afternoon, April 30th, Mezzanine Floor of the Florence - followed by an informal no-host supper.

Monday - May 1

9:00 Call to order
Welcome - Mayor of Missoula
Response - Sally Falkner, Pres. of M.S.L.A.
Minutes of the 1943 meeting held in Butte
Reports
Correspondence
Appointments of committees
Announcements
Adjournment

12:30 Lunch - Palace Coffee Parlor - tickets .85
Miss Feighner in charge

2:00 Call to order

Post-war planning in Montana and the library's place in such planning . . . Miss Torgrimson

Essential legislation to meet the libraries' part in post-war planning in Montana . . . Miss Campbell

Recommendation of the Legislative Committee for library legislation for the 1945 session of the State Legislature . . . Miss Campbell

Discussion
Adjournment

6:45 Informal Banquet - Florence Hotel - tickets $1.50 Sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Missoula Public Library-Mr. John Patterson, Pres. presiding.
Miss Ford and Miss Campbell in charge

Tuesday - May 2

9:00 Call to order
Minutes of Monday
Unfinished business

New business
Bills
Funds to be allowed for S.L.E.C.
Funds to be allowed for the Legislative Committee

The importance of adequate, organized publicity in preparation for legislative action . . . Miss Ratekin

Discussion
Announcements
Adjournment

12:30 Lunch - Monte Marte Cafe - tickets .85
Miss Cathering White in charge

2:00 Call to order

Montana librarians as lobbyists . . . Mrs. Miller

Reports of Committees
Remarks by the President
Election of officers
Gavel ceremony
Meeting place for M.S.L.A. designated
Committee appointments for 1944-45
Announcements
Adjournment

If You Plan to Attend M.S.L.A.

BE SURE TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT ONCE

Miss Ford and Miss Campbell have made a survey of the hotels and report that a state CIO convention will be in Missoula the same days the librarians are meeting. Therefore it is imperative that visiting librarians make reservations for hotel accomodations without delay. The following hotels will have rooms if reservations are made immediately:

THE FLORENCE HOTEL

The Palace Hotel

The Missoula Hotel will hold fifteen rooms if reservations are made in advance. Their rates are as follows:

Without bath	one in a room	$1.50, 2 in a room,	$2.50
With bath	" " " "	2.50, 2 " " "	3.50
Room with two beds - without bath		3 in a room	3.00
		4 in a room	4.00
Room with two beds and bath		3 in a room	5.00
		4 in a room	6.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND M.S.L.A. will you please fill out the attached blank and send AT ONCE to:
Miss Nina Ford, Ln.
Missoula Public Library, Missoula, Mont.

I plan to attend the M.S.L.A. meeting in Missoula, arriving _____

_____ Please make a reservation for me for the banquet at

the Florence Hotel Monday evening May 1st.

Signed _____

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Miss Evelyn Swant of the Missoula Public Library has been appointed by the Executive Committee to succeed Miss Dorothy Peterson, Acquisitions Librarian of the Montana State University Library, as Secretary of the Montana State Library Association. Miss Peterson resigned her position when she joined the WAVEs. Miss Swant has had business training in addition to her library training and is well qualified to assume the important responsibilities of this office.

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Mrs. Helen Pesman, Editor of the Montana State Library Association Directory, and an Assistant Librarian at the Montana State College Library has submitted her resignation to be effective immediately. Mrs. Pesman will accompany her husband when he leaves Montana to accept a position with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Doris Wilson, also of the State College Library, is familiar with the work involved in maintaining the Directory and has graciously accepted the responsibility of carrying on the work until a new Editor is formally appointed.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Have you clippings, newspaper pictures, snapshots or any items of interest for inclusion in the Historian's Scrapbook? Please check your records for the current year and send any information regarding Libraries -- Librarians -- Members of Boards of Trustees to:

Miss Pauline Rich, Ln.
Montana State Library Association Historian
Eastern Montana Normal School
Billings, Montana

MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

BILLINGS - Miss Margaret Fulmer, Ln., of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library has resigned her position in Billings to accept the duties of assistant to Miss Julia Wright Merrill, in the Public Library Division of the American Library Association, for a two year period. For the past seven years Miss Fulmer has been chief librarian in Billings and has won wide recognition for her outstanding work.

As Miss Fulmer leaves Montana this month and will take up her new post on May first she will not be present at the annual M.S.L.A. meeting. She will be greatly missed by the entire membership. We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many services she has rendered the Association and to say:

"Margaret Fulmer, your colleagues salute you and wish you every success in your new A.L.A. position."

After careful consideration of the applications for the position of librarian of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, the Board of Trustees has appointed Miss Ann Whitmack, a graduate of the Library School, Western Reserve University, 1922. Miss Whitmack is librarian of the public library, Baker, Oregon, and previous to her present position she was librarian of the public library, Wilmette, Illinois for eighteen years. She is a native of Billings and worked in the library as an apprentice assistant during her high school years.

Miles City-Miss Marion MacKinnon and Mr. Jack McKenzie were united in marriage on Friday, March 24th at the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City, with the Reverend John B. Fitz, officiating. After a short honeymoon Mrs. McKenzie returned to her duties as assistant librarian at the Carnegie Public Library.

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Missoula - Miss Ford and the staff members of the Missoula Public Library and Miss Campbell and the librarians of the State University Library are doing everything within their power to make the 1944 M.S.L.A. convention an outstanding success and to insure the pleasure and comfort of visiting librarians. They stress the importance of making hotel reservations at once. Applications for accomodations should be made directly to the hotels and without delay! The fact that rooms will be scarce cannot be overemphasized. It is possible that two or more rooming together may be accomodated when a single room could not be obtained. Please signify your willingness to share a room - when you place your reservation.

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FORMER HAVRE LIBRARIAN NOW IN FLORIDA

Mrs. J. C. Benson, compiler of the M.S.L.A. HISTORY, will be missed at the annual M.S.L.A. meeting. However she can be reached by writing to her at the folling address:

1231 Mapleton Road
S. Jacksonville 7, Florida

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTES

P.N.L.A. will meet in Spokane, Washington, June 27-28, 1944.

The Theme: "Working for Victory; Planning for Peace"

Library Service in the Postwar World

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MISS ALTHEA WARREN, President of the American Library Association will present the main address of the convention at a banquet on Tuesday June 28th.

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RECENT COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING MONTANA LIBRARIANS WHO ARE ACTIVE IN P.N.L.A. ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

Mrs. Lois B. Payson, Ln. Montana State College Library is Montana member of the P.N.L.A. Board of Directors and Editor of the Quarterly.

Mrs. Mable Miller, In., Helena is P.N.L.A. Membership committee-woman for Montana.

Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, of Hardin has been appointed Montana member of the Public Relations Committee of P.N.L.A. Other members on the Committee Are: Mr. Paul. W. Scott, Chairman, Ln. Gonsaza University, Spokane; Madge Wolfenden, British Columbia, Provincial Archives, Victoria; Edith Dygert, Public Library, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Marcia M. Hill, Oregon State Library.

Miss Margaret Fulmer, Ln., Billings, is scheduled to act as Chairman of the Adult Education Program, to be presented Tuesday, June 27th.

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As this is the first inland meeting of P.N.L.A. in six years a large delegation of Montana Librarians is expected to attend. Miss Ruth Hale, Pres. of P.N.L.A. has arranged for M.S.L.A. members to meet for lunch on Wednesday noon, June 28th - if they so desire.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Chicago
March 10, 1944

DEMOBILIZATION AND THE LIBRARY

A MANIFESTO

For the second time in twenty-five years the American public library faces the opportunity to render a national servic through its participation in the processes of demobilization and readjustment. Twenty-five years ago it sought to make its contribution to that process mainly in increased book supply and in the expansion of its organized facilities to meet the educational and vocational needs of the returning servicemen. Out of these needs and the efforts to fulfil them grew the adult educational and vocational needs of the returning servicemen. Out of these needs and the efforts to fulfil them grew the adult education movement. To the library in particular, accrued its readers' advisory program and a general expansion and recognition of its educational mission.

Today the public library is convinced that to meet its responsibilities it must enter into more acitve and dynamic participation in the large and complex task that confronts the nation. It must become the information center of its community not only for the diffusion of knowledge in its cultural and educational connotations, but for the provision of guidance, direction and counsel to the dislocated men and women in their endeavor to accomplish their own reorientation - industrial, economic, and cultural.

The People and Their Problems

We are now in the first period of demobilization. More than a million men and women have been discharged from the armed forces. Thousands of workers lose or leave their jobs every week. The second period will begin when the war ends in Europe. It will bring increasing discharges and dislocations. When the enemy is defeated in the Orient and South Pacific, the postwar period will be upon us and dislocations will reach enormous proportions.

Millions of men and women will be discharged from the armed forces and war industries. They will have had new experiences, seen new places, acquired new skills, developed new interests. Some will be disabled. They will have to readjust themselves to normal peacetime living and working.

Some will need physical rehabilitation. Most will seek employment. Many will want vocational training, general or professional education. All will have to re-orient themselves to family and community life, to new economic conditions, and to new civic responsibilities.

Industry itself will go through what may prove to be its greatest transition. Reconversion, new materials, new products, new concepts of laobr relations will be - are now in fact - much in the minds of industrial and labor leaders.

Alert librarians have already begun to assist in readjustment, not only because of present needs, but to gain experience for the much bigger job which lies ahead.

PUBLICITY: Be sure to give your local paper news items about M.S.L.A. as gathered from the program in this Bulletin.

Getting Set for the Job

The library staff and the library trustees must first inform themselves about the facts and probabilities of demobilization of the armed forces and war workers and about the reconversion of industry talents of the staff should be evaluated and those best suited by professional background, personality, and temperament should be assigned and prepared for these special services. Through its staff the library must help to organize the community's total resources; no single agency can do this job alone.

For its own information as well as for the use of others, the library must assemble government announcements, bills, hearings, and the plans of labor and industry, of national and local agencies, and of ther communities. It must establish and maintain contacts with local officials of Selective Service, U. S. Employment Service, and other national and community agencies.

Doing the Job

Every public library should establish specially organized facilities equipped and staffed to meet this challenging opportunity. The large library can ask a department or selected staff members to assume the leadership. In the small library, the librarian must rely upon herself, her trustees and competent volunteers.

Information service. The library must supply information and printed materials on all agencies serving veterans and war workers in any way--their locations, hours, and the nature of their services. It must give information and materials on job opportunities, training requirements, and training agencies; on personal development, family adjustment, social and civic obligations, and psychological problems. It must also supply information and materials on industrial trends, population shifts, distribution problems, and other factors that affect markets.

Educational Service: The library will recognize and encourage the inevitable expansion of interest in self-education. It must increase, extend, and sharpen its educational and cultural services through individual redding guidance, reading and study programs, discussion groups, films, and by reference and introduction to similar activities conducted under other auspices.

Public Relations. Through competent field workers, paid or volunteer, and through publicity, the library will make it difficult for any member of the community to remain unaware of its expanded informational and educational services.

(This manifesto was authorized by a group including Althea H. Warren, Carl Vitz, Ralph A. Ulveling, and Carl B. Roden in conference with other A.L.A. officers, librarians, and adult education specialists following the Chicago regional institute on demobilization and readjustment.)

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Convention Glances -- We Have So Voted

Miss Ellen Torgrimson,
Fort Benton, Editor.

The 31st Annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association was held at the Florence Hotel in Missoula, May 1-2, with President Sally Falkner presiding and Evelyn Swant acting as secretary. The program was dedicated to Miss M. Winnifred Feighner, whose death in April is a poignant loss to the Association, and had for its theme, "The library's place in the community."

After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, the President gave a resume of activities in her office, reporting the resignations of Dorothy Peterson as secretary, Virginia Sanders as Adult Education chairman, and Helen Pesman as editor of the Directory of Montana Libraries and Librarians. Appointments to fill these posts were: Evelyn Swant, secretary; Dorothy Huston, chairman of adult education; and Doris Wilson, editor of the Directory.

Ruth Eismann, treasurer, reported 81 members; receipts--$176.12; expenditures--$51.21; balance on hand--$124.91.

Kathleen Campbell, reported ALA membership of 44; Mabel Miller reported 28 PNLA members. Mrs. Payson, PNLA Board representative, called attention to the services available through the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center--inter-library loan service and the book purchasing cooperative-which should be more widely utilized. She reported that Alaska will become a member of PNLA; that the board is publishing the papers of Ethel Sawyer, a member of the U. of Oregon Library staff at the time of her death in 1942; and that the PNLA conference will be held at Spokane June 24-28. As editor of the PNLA Quarterly, Mrs. Payson stated that contributions are welcomed and it would be helpful to have a reserve of manuscripts on hand.

The MSLA Directory report was read by Miss Wilson for Mrs. Pesman, who recommended that no further publication be attempted until after the war when a completely revised edition should be issued. The listing of all libraries makes the directory still useful despite staff changes and can be kept up-to-date through the Bulletin. Appreciation of Mrs. Pesman's work was expressed.

Miss Ford, reporting for the Regional Library Committee, stated that new county libraries have been established in Flathead County--Jeane Lewis, librarian--and in Cascade County--Mrs. Amy Patterson, librarian. Preliminary work is progressing in Dawson, Prairie, and Glacier counties. Committee members have given active help in all these counties.

Miss Campbell suggested that each issue of the Bulletin should publish one of the state library laws until a complete file of them is assembled for libraries which do not have copies of the Codes of Montana.

The association voted to endorse a resolution sent to ALA by the South Dakota Library Association, requesting that the necessary changes be made in the Constitution and By-Laws to permit each state at least one vote on the ALA Council.

Miss Campbell reported that the U. Library has started a Montana Authors collection which will be available for research. She asked for contributions from libraries throughout the state to make the collection as complete as possible.

A paper on "Post-war planning in Montana and the library's place in such planning," based on the ALA committee report, Post-war Standards for Public Libraries, was read by Ellen Torgrimson. In summary, the standards which are necessary in a planned program of library development are: 1. Public library service made available for all the people; 2. Improvement in the quality of library service; 3. Larger units to insure adequate financing.

Miss Campbell read a paper on "Essential legislation to meet the libraries' part in post-war planning". She stated that essential points to be covered in state library laws should include; 1. A state library agency; 2. An appropriation for that agency; 3. Library certification; 4. A state aid program; 5. Provisions for county and regional libraries. She also stated that 47 out of the 48 states in the United States have some agency for state library extension, and all but Montana provide some appropriation for their state library agency.

Mrs. Payson gave a brief report on the conference called in Billings in November. There were 40 delegates present and the subjects discussed were the various aspects of the northern great plains region. Mrs. Payson feels that librarians should contact other groups not primarily concerned with library interests, as there is a great deal to be gained for them. Miss Fulmer also attended the conference and presented a paper on the library's function in development of regional adult education programs.

The question of Federal Aid to libraries was discussed. Definite opinions were expressed that Montana librarians do not want federal control. If it seems that anything can be gained through federal aid, the association should study the legislation carefully before deciding to support it.

The legislative committee recommended that the commission law be revised to read as follows:

The commission shall consist of 6 members--5 of these members to be appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be selected from a list of 6 names submitted by the Montana State Library Association; and the state superintendent of public instruction, as Ex-officio member.

The commission shall have the power to act as a board of vocational standards and library examiners for Montana.

The committee also recommended that there be a provision in the bill for pensions and that the commission be empowered to administer any funds delegated to it from state or federal appropriations.

Miss Eismann suggested the need for making clear that the fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 and dues be credited accordingly. She also suggested that editors of the Bulletin secure a complete membership list from the treasurer to make sure that all members get copies. Bills presented and ordered paid were: President's expenses--$5.27; Treasurer's expenses--$2.94.

The executive Board was authorized to draw from the association treasury funds as needed to finance legislative and extension work and SLEC.

Miss Ratekin gave a talk on "The importance of adequate, organized publicity in preparation for legislative action," stressing the fact that libraries have services to sell and should adopt advertising methods.

In her talk on "Montana librarians as lobbyists", Mrs. Miller defined an effective lobbyist as one who (1) is absolutely truthful, (2) punctual in keeping engagements, (3) disarms his opponent by frankly stating what interest he represents, (4) knows the facts, (5) goes to the opposition in advance and boldly asks for their facts and arguments. In the discussion which followed it was suggested that more men's organizations should be contacted; that home demonstration agents could help contact rural groups; that radio should be used as a publicity medium; and that regional meetings should be arranged if possible.

In a summary of the planned legislation, Miss Campbell stated that expansion of the SLEC and its powers will enable it to serve a greater number of people, and that an appropriation is now essential to prepare libraries to take part in post-war planning.

Names to be submitted to the Governor for the appointment to the SLEC were Mrs. Aubrey Knowles, Missoula; Mrs. Kathryn Perham, Glendive; Mabel Cruikshank, Bozeman; Mrs. Dean King, Kalispell; Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Bozeman.

Officers nominated were as follows: President, Nina Ford; Vice-president, Inez Ratekin; Secretary, Evelyn Swant; Treasurer, Ruth Eismann; PNLA Board, Mrs. Payson. The officers were unanimously elected.

Mrs. Falkner presented the gavel to Miss Ford, who stated in her speech of acceptance that the librarians in the smaller communities are needed in the association and should participate in its work and help to put new legislation across. She made the following appointments:

Publicity--Inez Ratekin, Corinne Ackley, Lucile Spear.
Certification--Catherine White, Jeanne Bennett, Sally Falkner.
Legislation--Kathleen Campbell, Mabel Miller, Elsie Lundborg
Dorothy Huston.
Membership--Ruth Eismann, Hazel Christiansen, Mildred Grawe
Loretta Buss.
Regional libraries--Ellen Torgrimson, Amy Patterson, Pearl Coombs.
Adult education--Mrs. Payson.
Historian--Pauline Rich.
NSLA Directory--Doris Wilson.

Several social functions were much enjoyed by the librarians. A luncheon was held at the Coffee Parlor Cafe presided over by Kathryn Geiger. Miss Ratekin entertained the assembly with three delightful piano solos. A banquet was held at the Florence Hotel sponsored by the Missoula Public Library Board of Directors, in observance of the library's 50th anniversary. John Patterson, president of the board, presided and introduced past and present board members and the library staff. Miss Ford gave a brief history of the library, and Prof. J.E. Miller of the U. faculty, as guest speaker, gave an inspiring address on present-day problems facing this country. Miss Campbell presided at the final luncheon at the Montemarte Cafe. A pianist and a vocalist from the U. School of Music entertained. Mr. Oakley Coffee was the guest speaker and told, from a businessman's point of view, what a library should be.

No meeting place for the 1945 convention was designated. Invitations may b submitted to the Executive Committee.

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The Montana Federation of Woman's Clubs held its convention at Missoula June 5-7th. Miss Campbell appeared on one of the programs, speaking on "Library Legislation for Montana".

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Pacific Northwest Library Association

Just a reminder that PNLA meets in Spokane June 27th and 28th, with headquarters at the Davenport Hotel. This is an excellent opportunity for Montana librarians because it is so close. Among those we hear are planning to attend are Miss Nina Ford, Miss Kathleen Campbell, Miss Lucile Speer, Mrs. Lois Payson, Miss Doris Wilson, Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, and Miss Inez Ratekin. Others are urged to consider attendance.

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A post conference trip to Farragut Naval Training Station is being arranged for Thursday, June 29th. The expense will be $2.03 bus fare. Send word to Mrs. Gladys S. Puckett, Spokane Public Library, by June 24th if you wish to go. Stat whether you prefer going in the morning or afternoon.

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Attention: PNLA Members -- Be sure to check your ballot and return it to Mrs. Grimm immediately. We have three candidates from Montana on the ballot and they certainly merit your support. Give this matter your special attention, pronto.

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The Library Board of the Judith Basin Community Library, sponsored by the Woman's Club, announces the memorial gift of the Mrs. Daisy Parsons Rennie Memorial Book Shelf from Mrs. Hazel Christiansen and Mr. Edward Rennie in honor of their mother who passed away in November. Mrs. Rennie was a resident of Judith Basin for many years and had a great appreciation of good books. Friends ma contribute books or maney to buy books for the memorial. The first installment of books for the collection has been ordered by Mrs. Christiansen and will soon be placed on the library's shelf.

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Montana State Library Association Bulletin

The publicity committee of MSLA feels that, inasmuch as the MSLA has voted to make every effort to put on a successful legislative campaign this season, th Bulletin should be planned with the campaign in mind and leading up to it. However, every librarian is urged to send news of interest, either of library activities or personnel, to the editor preparing the Bulletin. Very often a frantic editor has to write to loyal friends asking for news when we all should be promp enough to get it in. PLEASE tell us what you are doing.

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If you notice any mistakes on our Bulletin mailing list we will consider it a great favor if you will report them.

Plans for the Bulletin are:

v.6 no. 1	July-August	To Sell'em-- Tell'em -- Publicity! Miss Jeanne Bennett, Kalispell, Editor.
v.6 no. 2	September-October	Yes! We Need Help--Group Organizations. Mrs. Corinne Ackley, Lewistown, Editor.
v.6 no. 3	November-December	The Final Shot--Legislation Roundup. Miss Lucile Speer, Missoula, Editor.
v.6 no. 4	January-February	Where do We Go From Here? Miss Inez Ratekin, Libby, Editor.
v. 6 no. 5	March-April	Will We See You At Convention? Miss Ruth Eismann, Havre, Editor.

Make an effort to get your contributions to the editor by the 10th day of the month of issue-- August, October, December, etc. Make notes on your calendar as a reminder.

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MSLA PUBLICITY

Yes, we need a lot of it if we are going to be successful this year. And the first plans are already being made. At Convention we voted to go all out and with that in mind the Executive Board, the Legislative Committee, and the Publicity Committee have started full steam ahead and have already accomplished several things.

Miss Nina Ford, Miss Evelyn Swant, Miss Kathleen Campbell, Miss Lucile Speer, and Miss Inez Ratekin, met in Missoula June 5th and 8th, making plans. The MSLA will have printed 10,000 copies of a publicity folder on our coming legislative program and it is up to all of us that these are used wisely and well. Everyone interested in Montana libraries should consider themselves on the publicity committee and actively do something--big or little--everything counts.

Our very first smile came when Miss Frances Smith, State Home Demonstration Leader, said that she would help us by passing out our publicity through her county agents and home demonstration clubs. Miss Smith works with women all over the state and realizes the importance of adequate library service.

We started to grin more when the Montana State Federation of Women's Clubs, June 7th, in convention at Missoula passed the resolution printed below. Aside from their organization help a number of the leaders agreed to do what they could in their corner of the State.

Our grin spread a lot when the telegram came June 11th from Evelyn Swant who attended the Business and Professional Women's Club Convention at Billings that their resolution, printed below, passed. This is some more splendid support.

Our membership committee is busy and Miss Ruth Eismann, Chairman reports that already we have 40 members for 1944-45. There were 81 last year. Missoula Public Library is certainly supporting their Miss Ford--everyone but the janitor has paid, even the part-time student help. That is something! I'm sure the membership committee won't mind if we remind you that the dues are payable from June 1st.

So you see we are started and we need YOUR cooperation. We, as librarians must keep the vision ahead or we can't expect the clubs and groups to support us. Please keep us posted on possibilities and what you are doing in your corner.

Inez Ratekin,
Publicity Chairman, MSLA

Business And Professional Women's Club Resolution

WHEREAS,

The Montana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has long recognized the importance of an informed citizenry in the functioning of democratic processes, and

WHEREAS,

Such an informed citizenry is of even greater importance in this time of planning the new world order, and

WHEREAS,

Libraries are essential in providing the information necessary to post-war planning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Montana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs cooperate with the Montana State Library Association in its 1945 legislative campaign and direct its Legislative Committee to support the following legislative program of the Association:

(1) To extend the State Library Extension Commission.
(2) To secure an appropriation for the necessary and important work which this Commission can do.

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Montana Federation of Women's Clubs Resolution

Whereas: The Montana Federation of Women's Clubs has been aware of the need for adequate library service in Montana, and has always supported the Montana State Library Association in its program of improving service and standards, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the M.F.W.C. continues to support the Montana State Library Association, with special interest and help in its 1945 legislative campaign to (1) extend the State Library Extension Commission and (2) secure an appropriation for the necessary and important work this Commission can do.

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County Library Law (amended 1943)

(At our MSLA Convention in Missoula, it was voted that each Bulletin should contain one section of our library law, in order to refresh the memory of many who have forgotten the details. Following is the first section.)

4563. PROCEEDINGS TO ESTABLISH COUNTY LIBRARY. By petitions signed by not less than ten percent of the resident taxpayers whose names appear upon the last completed assessment roll of the county, at least half of whom shall reside outside of the county seat, being filed with the board of county commissioners, requesting the establishment of a county free library, the county commissioners of such county shall appoint a meeting for a public hearing, and may in their discretion, by resolution, establish at the county seat, a county free library, as provided in this act. For four successive weeks prior to taking such action, the board of county commissioners shall publish, in each issue of a newspaper of general circulation in such county, notice of such contemplated action, giving therein the date and place of the meeting for a public hearing at which such acti is proposed to be taken.

Revised Codes of Montana,
Chapter 351.

COMMITTEE ON SALARIES, STAFF AND TENURE

The following reports from the four states and British Columbia are based on the latest period available, June through December 1943; towns of less than 10,000 or $10,000 appropriation are not included. Thanks are due to the head librarians. It is regretted that time does not allow circularizing personnel on such points as Comments on Days and Hours, Conventions and Unions but perhaps it may be possible to make fuller surveys at some later time.

-- Montana --

Name	Service area	Population	Appropriation	Salary budget	Employees	Trained
Billings Memorial	Municipality	23,261	20,000	11,872	6	4
Butte Public	Municipality	36,964	28,670	18,800	10	7
Cascade County	County*	41,999	12,230	3,930	2	1
Gt. Falls Public	Municipality	29,928	25,852	12,996	8	3
Helena Public	Municipality	15,066	11,158	7,492	5	2
Missoula Public & County	County	28,361	21,661	11,230	6	5
State College	College	1,884	17,207**	9,745	6	5
University	College	1,035	28,958**	19,558	6***	6

* excluding municipality of Great Falls which has its own separate library.
** no cost of rent, heat, etc.
*** 16 student workers.

A. Days and Hours

	Days	Hours	Reduction Recommended	Holidays Replaced	Union	Other organization
Bil.	6	40	No	Yes	No	No
Butte	6	44	No	No	(1 staff (2building	No
Cas.	6	48 21	No	No	No	No
Gt. F	6	38	5½day week	No	NO	No
Hel.	6	40	No	Yes	No	No
Mis.	5½	44	No	No	No	No
State	6	38	No	Yes	No	No
Univ.	5½	38	No	No	(1 staff(1build.)	No

A. Days and Hours. Cascade County reports that the librarian has worked six days a week from 8 to 9 hours a day in order to get the newly established county library organized;the part-time assistant works 21 hours per week. They hope to have a full time assistant added to the staff next year. State College reports that the librarian puts in about 48 hours per week but no overtime is required of the staff.

B. Conventions

(In answer to request at 1942 Convention, p. 57, "PNLA Quarterly", Oct. 1942)

	TIME		EXPENSES		HOLDING OFFICE			
	Head	Assistant	Head	Assistant	Encouragement	Time	Stenographical Help	Changes Suggested
Bil.	As needed	As needed	Full	One half	Yes	Yes	No	
Butte	As needed	As needed	Full	Full	Yes	Yes	No	
Cas.	As needed	No	Full	None	Question has not arisen			
Gt. F.	As needed	As needed	Full	Full	Yes	Yes	No	
Hel.	As needed	If possible	Full	Full	Question has not arisen			—
Mis.	As needed	As needed	Full	Full	Yes	Yes	No	
State	As needed	As needed	Full	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	Out of State Expenses
Univ.	As needed	As needed	Full	Full	Yes	Yes	Yes	Out of State Expenses

The general policy is full payment of expenses to conventions within the state. If out-of-state travel is involved the matter must be taken up with the Board.

State laws prohibit out-of-state travel expenses for county employees.

Miss Evelyn Swant
Missoula Public Library
Missoula, Mont.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Miss Jeanne Bennett, Editor
Kalispell Public Library

TO SELL'EM -- TELL'EM -- PUBLICITY

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY
or
AN EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT ON NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

From the editor's point of view, library publicity should be brief and concise. Personally, we would prefer a good review of one outstanding book each week, with a succeeding paragraph devoted to mention of any new titles at the library. Another brief paragraph could concern news of the library itself --hours, personnel, etc.

The librarian should keep abreast of these changing times, of course, and present for the consideration of patrons reviews of those works which are creating outstanding current interest, whether fiction, biography, history, or other. In any review, as in any news story, effort must be made to capture the interest of the reader in the first paragraph, and make the balance of the review sustain that interest.

Copy of course should be typed, double spaced, and titles and authors should be emphasized by using bold face type. We think a different head line should be used each week, calling attention to this or that outstanding book at the public library.

C. T. Kavanagh, Editor
Flathead Monitor

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IN FAVOR OF SUMMER READING CLUBS

Here at Missoula Public Library we find the Summer Reading Clubs essential to a successful summer reading period. Years when there has been no organized program or one which did not appeal to the majority of our readers, the circulation has dropped during the summer months. A reading club when properly organized and publicized has proved to us to be most worth while. Increased in circulation, registration, and most of all - interest, has come as a direct result of these programs. The children seem to require a moderate amount of guidance in their summer reading and the clubs are an excellent front through which to act.

True, much staff time is expented in preparation for and carrying through a program. There is also the expense of materials such as construction paper, stickers, etc. which are the library's gift to the club member. All this expense seems justified, if only for the publicity the entire library receives as a result of the Summer Reading Club. We believe that a program can be planned to fit the budget of any library and at the same time give a maximum of enjoyment to the children it serves. It is the duty and the privilege of the library to continue to direct the reading habits of the children when the teacher's responsibility has ended.

Miss Virginia Lucy
Missoula Public Library

SLEC PUBLICITY

Publicity for the coming legislative program is being planned and the folders for state-wide distribution should be ready the latter part of August. Suggestions for such distribution will be interestedly received.

Although this is still early to start any active campaign in your district it is not too early to conversationally discuss and explain the need for adequate library legislation such as we will work for this coming winter. A seed sown now may blossom well a little later.

In regard to general library publicity, may this committee remind you that we librarians have something to sell and we must "tell it to sell it". To do this we must take advantage of "Newsvertising", radio, and display possibilities. Modern advertising methods for merchandise are, in many cases, very adaptable to our needs if we intelligently study them.

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PNLA — REPORTS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Pacific Northwest Library Association held its first library conference since 1942 at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, July 27 - 28. In spite of travel restrictions the attendance was excellent. For those of us who had missed the last conference it was especially good to renew old acquaintances and to enjoy the stimulation that comes from collective consideration of our professional problems.

The conference program, streamlined to war-time conditions, developed the theme: Working for Victory: Planning for Peace. In both the general and sectional meetings, the discussions emphasized the enormous responsibilities - and opportunities - which librarians must meet in the post-war days, and which even now are upon us. Chief among these tasks is the job of furnishing vocational information and guidance, and not only to the returning veteran but to millions of dislocated war workers. Colonel Yauger of the Veterans' Personnel Division at Camp Murray and Captain Rudolph of the Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, speakers on the two panel programs, brought home to librarians in a realistic way some of the social and economic adjustments which librarians should be helping to solve.

Speaking of the librarian's task in this post-war program, Miss Althea Warren, A.L.A. president, said that libraries have a great opportunity to become centers of counseling and guidance. The problem will be how to find people to do this work. In 1956, she predicted the shortage of librarians will reach twenty thousand. Not only is there need for librarians to meet the demands in this country; already the State Department is asking the librarians to assist in the reconstruction of library service in European countries. Miss Warren, and also Miss Hale in her president's report, urged upon librarians the obligation to recruit talented young people for library service.

While the vocational needs of the future received major emphasis, other opportunities for library service were not entirely overlooked. Dr. Rudolph mentioned the potentialities for library service in the reconditioning program for convalescent veterans - the field of bibliotherapy; and Dr. Hall, Eastern Washington College of Education, reminded us of the infinite possibilities for libraries in directing the use of leisure time.

If one may be permitted to cavil, it seemed to me that the discussions failed to bring out the great and urgent responsibility of librarians to assist in revising our old ways of thinking, in the hope that we can, by intelligence and good will, avoid in the post-war world some of the tragic mistakes of the past. To hold to the contention that librarians must remain objective on questions vital to the preservation of democracy would seem to relegate the profession to a negative role in our society.

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Montana was well represented in numbers and on the program. Miss Kathleen Campbell presided over the college section at which Mrs. Lois B. Payson gave a finished and stimulating paper on "The Part of the College Library in a Changing Curriculum." Miss Ann Whitnack of Billings was chairman of the Small-Lending Libraries combined sections. At the banquet on Wednesday evening, Miss Campbell responded charmingly and wittily to the address of welcome; and Mrs. Payson contributed again in the panel on Wednesday afternoon: Librarians Plan for the Future.

Miss Lucile Speer
University of Montana Library

PNLA HIGHLIGHTS

Miss Campbell was chairman of the College-References Section and also gave a clever response to the speeches of welcome at the banquet. Miss Ford presented an excellent report on library progress in Montana. Miss Wilson acted as Secretary pro-tem for the College Reference Section and Mrs. Payson gave a paper: "The Place of the College Library in a Changing Curriculum". Miss Winona Adams, cataloger at the State College, was elected Treasurer of the Association for 1944-45.

Miss Althea Warren, president of A.L.A., added much to the conference by her out-going, friendly personality, her humor and her inspirational message: "Look up"!

In spite of no conference last year the membership of more than 600 was within a very few of the peak figures. Some 200 were able to attend this Conference and so to bring back the inspiration for better service which contact with other workers in the profession always brings--to quote Mr. Richards, who quoted a young librarian back from her first PNLA meeting: "I am full of aspiration and aspirin". The Association is bending every effort to raise salaries and standards, and to promote a discriminating spirit of service in every aspect of the library profession.

Miss Lois Payson
State College Library

Former Montanans at PNLA were: Marjorie Ann Crawford and Vera Marie Hunt now working at Farragut Naval Training Station -- Mrs. Rhea Strawn, librarian at Whitworth College, Spokane.

PNLA QUARTERLY

The PNLA Quarterly uses its state representatives on the Publications Committee to good advantage for news items. News items on PNLA members, especially significant changes, trends, etc. in libraries can be sent either to this Chairman or to the Editor. The editor welcomes carefully prepared articles of interest to librarians whether these are written inside or outside the profession. It is a great help if members will tell the editor of people who might make such contributions so that she can get in touch with them.

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The Quarterly serves to keep the state in touch with larger regional library developments and helps to overcome the disadvantages of our isolation. P.N.L.A. is an alive and progressive organization, and its Bibliographic Center at the University of Washington Library can be of great help to every library in the state.

Mrs. Lois Payson

Plans for the Bulletin are:

V.6, no.2, September-October	Yes! We Need Help—Group Organizations Mrs. Corinne Ackley, Lewistown, Editor
V.6, no.3, November-December	The Final Shot--Legislation Roundup Miss Lucile Speer, Missoula, Editor
V.6, no.4, January-February	Where Do We Go From Here? Miss Inez Ratekin, Libby, Editor
V.6, no.5, March-April	Will We See You At Convention? Miss Ruth Eismann, Havre, Editor

Dates To Remember! Do your Stint and Help the Editor by getting your contributions to the editor by the 10th day of the month of issue--October, December, February and April.

FINANCIAL NOTES

A word to the wise is sufficient! Dues for MSLA are payable now either to me or to the Membership Chairman of their particular district. In case your Chairman is real close and the money in the palm of your hand - here is the list of Membership Chairmen:

Billings District-------Mrs. Hazel Christianson
Bozeman District--------Miss Geneva Cook
Butte District----------Miss Loretta Buss
Great Falls-Lewistown---Miss Bessie Sestak
Havre District----------Miss Ruth A. Eismann
Helena District---------Miss Elise Lundborg
Libby District----------Mrs. Mildred Grawe
Miles City District-----Mrs. Sally Falkner

All new members for MSLA are most welcome. We are going to need all the support we can get this year, both financial and otherwise, if we are going to pass our legislative measures.

Miss Ruth A. Eismann, Treasure
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COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Good News! Good News! New County Library for Glacier County.

We will have a County Free Library. The public meeting was held July 6th - with a very fine representation of interested citizens from Cut Bank and Browning. There was no opposition. The County Commissioners voted to establish said library and a budget was made out for same. Miss Inez Ratekin came over for the meeting and very ably answered the few questions that were asked. We did appreciate having her there. She is a great little promoter and all-round "good fella". She was as thrilled about our new library as the rest of us. (We agree about Inez, ed.)

Vivian B. Oliver, Librarian
Cut Bank

The Terry Library, for many years supported by popular subscription, has been made a county library by motion of the county commissioners. The building will be moved to county-owned land on the block of the hospital and will be enlarged. The library committee of the Terry Chamber of Commerce reported that approximately $275 was cleared at the picnic in the Terry park on - July 4th. This money will be used to help defray the expense of moving the library building.

clipping from
The Great Fall's Tribune.
Sent in by Ellen Torgrimson,
Fort Benton

COUNTY LIBRARY LAW

4564. WITHDRAWAL OF INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN. After the establishment of a county free library as provided in this act, the board of trustees, common council, or other legislative body of any incorporated city or town from the operation of this act, by notifying the board of county commissioners that such city or town no longer desires to be a part of the county free library system, and thereafter the residents of such city or town shall cease to participate in the benefits of such county free library, and the property situated in such city or town shall not be liable to taxes for county free library purposes; provided, that public notice of such contemplated action by the board of trustees, common council, or other legislative body of any incorporated city or town desiring to withdraw such incorporated city or town from the operation of this act, shall be given by publication in some newspaper of general circulation in such city or town, for at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to taking such action, giving therein the date and place of the meeting at which such contemplated action is proposed to be taken.

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IN MEMORIAM--MRS. LAURA ZOOK

Mrs. Zook was named Librarian Emeritus of the Miles City Library on May, 1943 after the completion of forty years as acting librarian. She resigned her position and the resignation was effective November 1, 1943 - due to ill health. She passed away at her son's home early in May of this year, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Zook was a charter member of M.S.L.A. and served one term as President of the Association, having been elected to the office on October 7, 1922, during the fourteenth meeting which was held in Miles City. Mrs. Zook maintained her membership in M.S.L.A. through all the years and was ever a strong supporter of its policies. She will be greatly missed in the profession.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Miles City Library on June 16, 1944 and a motion passed that it be spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF MRS. LAURA ZOOK

In accordance with instructions from this board, I herewith submit the following declaration in tribute to the memory of Mrs. Laura Zook, for forty years Librarian of the Carnegie Public Library of Miles City.

Upon the completion of her service as Librarian at the Carnegie Public Library of Miles City, Montana, on November 1, 1943, Mrs. Laura Zook, pioneer matron had served this public institution for a period of forty years. Her background was that of an educator in the rural areas of Southeastern Montana, which region she also served in her capacity as county superintendent of schools.

Following the acceptance of the Municipality of Miles City of the gift of a library proffered by Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Zook became identified with others in the establishment of the institution and was named as Librarian, in which position she continued for four decades.

During her incumbency Mrs. Zook demonstrated her qualifications as a highly competent and intelligent manager and director of the institution, devoting her energies to its enhancement, and developing the library into a medium of service to the public. By reason of her delightful and charming manner, her sympathetic understanding of her duties imposed upon her, and her ability to command public esteem both for herself and the institution she represented, it is the sense of the Carnegie Public Library Board that this institution also stand as a monument to her indefatiguable labors and her earnest desire that her passing brings the impact of a great loss to the public, the institution she served for so many years, and that this Board record its solemn determination to continue the policies of the library in tribute to the memory of Mrs. Zook, to the end that it will always serve humanity and continue to enrich it in intellectual attainment in both individual lives and public appreciation.

Lou Grill, President
Mrs. Sally Falkner, Librarian
Miles City, Montana

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FROM HERE AND THERE

LIBRARY TRAVEL TALK

Miss Nina Ford, Miss Inez Ratekin and I were among those from Montana who attended PNLA in Spokane. We enjoyed a room together and the meetings were very interesting and inspiring. The three of us, since we are county librarians, attended the County Library Section. At the close of the meeting we decided we would much prefer helping to operate a county library in Montana than any other place represented in the section. There were about 8 librarians from Montana and we were all very proud to claim Miss Kathleen Compbell and Mrs. Lois Payson, who gave addresses that were very well received. Miss Ford gave a splendid impromptu talk at the county libraries section on how county libraries were operated in Montana.

On my return home I stopped over a day in Libby to visit a friend and also visited Miss Ratekins' library. It is a very charming library and Lincoln County can well be proud of it. I am sure it is a pleasure not only to work in it, but to use it too.

At Great Falls where I stopped a couple of days with friends, I visited the city library and enjoyed a visit with Miss Fernald and Miss Sestak. I also visited the new county library there, Mrs. Amy Patterson has a very bright cheery place and on her shelves are many good up-to-date books. It is hard to believe when browsing through the shelves it is less than a year old. It is already serving the patrons of Cascade county very efficiently.

While in Hobson where I stopped to take care of my mother's things and visit friends, I visited the little Community library there. It is housed in the very attractive Womans Club rooms which is down on the main street of the town. It should be a source of much pride to the people of that community for it is surprising the service they are rendering with no assistance from the community in the form of taxes. They hope to be able to secure assistance this year. It is kept up entirely by the Womans Club and is the finest little library of this type I have yet seen.

While at Hobson I was in Lewistown and spent a delightful afternoon in the library with Mrs. Ackley and her assistant Mrs. Sweeny. We discussed the PNLA convention, libraries and librarians pro and con. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of tea and cakes. They are in the process of renovating their library and when it is completed it will be very attractive.

Hazel Christiansen, Librarian
BigHorn County Free Library
Hardin, Montana

MILES CITY: The Carnegie Library of Miles City is undergoing a complete renovation. A new oak floor has been laid in the Children's Department and the main floor has been sanded and refinished. In addition all of the light oak furniture has been sanded and varnished - a few pieces at a time. The entire collection is being weeded and a shelf list installed for the first time in the history of the library. About 8,000 cards were typed during the months of May and June. All this with a staff of two and a part time typist -- and business as usual!

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Three high school students are serving their apprenticeship at the library, Joyce Cook, and Lois Prochnow - Juniors, and Charlene Conner, Sophmore. All of the girls are showing very satisfactory progress.

Sally Falkner

LEWISTOWN: The library opened for circulation June 25th, after extensive cleaning. The floors were sanded and both the juvenile rooms and adult department were kemtoned. The juvenile library is to have inlaid linoleum put down as soon as it arrives. All the furniture is being cleaned and varnished. New rubber matting has been put down in the stacks (Imitation!) however which will have to do for the duration.

We have 100 children enrolled in our summer reading course. (This despite being closed for three weeks just at the close of school.) We are emphasizing reading aid for Boy and Girl Scouts working for merits.

Mrs. Helen Sweeney is taking her vacation in July but as yet has no definite plans.

Circulation in May was 300 books over that of May last year. This large increase probably partially due to special High School reading courses which had to be completed before school was out.

Corinne Ackley

BOZEMAN: Miss Mary Clough, University of Wisconsin Library School, will begin her work at Montana State College, Bozeman, July first and Miss Barbara Pearson, University of Minnesota, on September 1st.

Lois B. Payson

(Our sincere hello to Miss Mary Clough. We are happy to welcome you to the MSLA. Ed.)

HELENA PUBLIC LIBRARY: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chivers (former staff assistant) a baby girl on July 7.

The brother of Miss Ella Shepherd was killed in Biak, Dutch New Guinea on June 9th.

The father of Miss Charlotte Schneider died June 26th. He was 81 years old.

The Helena Public Library expresses great satisfaction from the Northwest Bibliographical Center and recommends this inter-library loan system.

Mabel Miller

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY: A recent caller at the Missoula Public Library was Vera Grazier - now working in the library at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane.

Margaret Dunstan Mercer has returned to Missoula after spending several months with her husband when he was stationed in Nebraska, Mississippi and Texas. While in Texas Margaret worked at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Library.

"Where are the Yanks" is the theme of the Summer Reading Club of Missoula Public Library Children's Department. Children joining the Club are given bookmarks bearing the names of various countries where U.S. Armed Forces are stationed. These markers are then punched as the various countries are "visited". The club has proved popular with all ages and enthusiasm was great when France was added to the reading list.

Nina Ford

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WHITEFISH: The Whitefish Public Library has just completed it's first year of operating on a daily schedule with a paid librarian in charge. During this time the library has been re-cataloged & a new filing system is now being added. There has been a fine increase in circulation and fine and rental collections. Mrs. A. C. Engelter, Ln. expects to spend her two weeks vacation at Chicago beginning July 17th.

Mrs. Engelter

SUPERIOR: For months the Mineral County Public Library has been so crowded that the shelves bore a resemblance to a can of sardines while boxed books filled the empty spaces. At their last meeting the Board of Commissioners granted the use of another room across the hall from the present Library. The extra space will add efficiency to the Librarian's work and comfort to the reading public.

Miss Idella Hodgins, Ln. since the county created the library in 1937, is resigning her position here. The place is being temporarily filled by Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins.

Grace Hodgins

FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY: Many new juvenile books have been added to the Flathead County Free Library, Kalispell, during June and July in preparation for the fall rush by the rural schools. The library now boasts of 3976 volumes. The total circulation for 1943-44 was 16,222 (the library was actually open only 10 months).

A first anniversary celebration is being planned at present to take place in the library about September 1. Plans are still very tentative but we think it would be tood publicity afor the library - if we do a lot of advertising.

Jeane Lewis.

DILLON: Miss Mary Innes released the annual report of the public library for the period ending July 1 and it shows that the library has circulated nearly 10,000 books and magazines during the year. The report shows that Dillon's reading public is keeping well informed, the greatest demand being for books pertaining to the war, descriptive books about the countries involved, and those about the great problems of peace. A list of patrons was begun last spring and to date there are 464 names registered. The list runs over a period of three or five years and is usually over 2,000 by the end of the period.

Mary Innes

KALISPELL: Changes in administration at our library: Miss Jeanne Bennett became librarian and Mrs. Bob Falkner of Kalispell the assistant librarian as of June 1st. Summer help is none other than Mrs. Mildred Grawe, Librarian of Flathead County High School!! Starting from the ground up again or something. Mrs. W. M. Rosenthal left the middle of June for Florida. Reports from that far country says it is HOT! She sends her greeting to all. Miss Dorothy Phelps, former librarian, is now at Honolulu and is in charge of the naval library.

Jeanne Bennett

NAMES TO BE LEFT IN MY WILL

My thanks and appreciation to all those who helped in the publication of this Bulletin. Special gratitude to Mrs. Irene Loveday (assistant at the Flathead County Library) for cutting the stencils, to Miss Jeane Lewis, Mrs. Bob Falkner and Mrs. Mildred Grawe for moral support. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Inez Ratekin for her never ending aid and encouragement.

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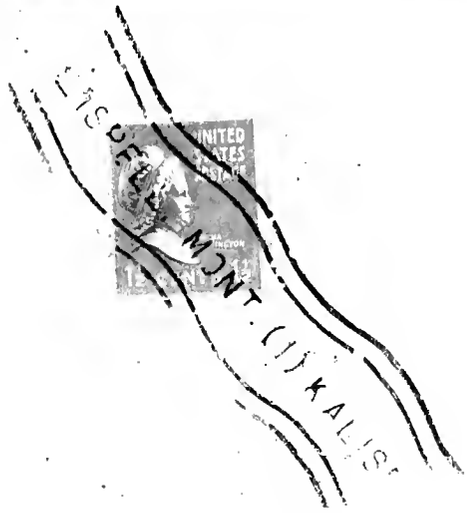

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YES! WE NEED HELP -- GROUP ORGANIZATIONS.

What about organization for the legislative period only a "Friends of the Library for Legislation" group in your county. It can be worked out. We have started the organization here and thus far every club has been very happy to cooperate. The way this had been done is by contacting every club and organization in Fergus county and telling them of the library legislation what it will do and how it will benefit them. Then asking them if they will help promote the knowledge of the library legislation throughout the county by forming "A Friends of the Library for Legislation". Two members from each club are chosen by the president of the club or organization to represent that club in the group. Thus far we have contacted in Fergus county all of the Home Demonstration clubs, Modern Arts Club, and members have been chosen from them to represent that club in the Friends of the Library Group. Soon we will have contacted the others and do believe that it will be a satisfactory way of reaching everyone in the county after we have had a meeting and assigned jobs to each of the group.

Perhaps you can try it in your county.

A quotation taken from Gaylords' Triangle made by Miss Marjorie Bear, Secretary and Director of the North Carolina Library Commission at a meeting of the Maryland Library Association.

> "Our efforts to secure funds for state-wide library service have taught us much and I might pass this along in the form of suggestions. You should begin early, work hard, and get every one else to work, for state aid will come when many people know what it means, want it, and feel concerned about it. Do not talk in details but in general terms. Talk books and reading rather than library service, for most people do not know just what the latter means. Get groups and organizations interested by going to their meetings. Know who are the influential people in the state and be sure they know about the need."

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PUBLICITY DEVELOPMENTS

Publicity for our legislative campaign is gradually building up and we have received several requests for our folders.

Miss Frances Smith, State Home Demonstration Leader, distributed several hundred folders to home demonstration agents who were at her training school in September. To those who were not present she mailed copies with a covering letter. Her cooperation is splendid and the work of the home demonstration and agricultural agents will be of vital importance in our campaign.

As the last minute flashes on the August bulletin stated, the Montana Department of the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the following resolution:

> WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, wishing to be of greater service to the people of Montana, and recognizing the need of a fuller library service in a program of improvement and expansion,
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> BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, cooperate with the State Library Association --
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> 1. To extend the State Library Extension Commission.
> 2. To secure an appropriation for the necessary and important work which the commission can do.

Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, County Librarian of Big Horn County, and Mrs. Oliver Phillips, Past President of the Montana Department, should receive bows for their assistance in this resolution.

The Kootenai Valley Grange at Libby adopted a resolution supporting the campaign and from there it went to the Pomona Grange of Lincoln County where it was passed. The next step is the State Grange which meets in October. The Grange members have been very interested and no doubt will be of fine assistance, too.

Please send me requests for as many folders as you can effectively distribute. It would be a big waste for us to send a stated amount to everyone. This is OUR campaign so please write in your requests, suggestions, and your plans of operation in your locality. We must work together and with cheerful enthusiasm if we are going to win.

Inez Ratekin,
Publicity Chairman

Lucille Speer has succeeded in getting a resolution passed by the State Federation of Labor supporting our legislative campaign.

STUDY OF MONTANA LIFE AND TRADITIONS

Many of you received a letter from Margaret Fulmer at A. L. A. Headquarters telling of her interview with Dr. Baker Brownell of Northwestern University this summer.

Dr. Brownell has established his headquarters at the State University, Missoula, and from there will direct an adult education program financed in part by the Rockefeller Foundation. The objective is to reorient the humanities, adjusting them to people rather than to academic institutions, toward developing within the state a culturally richer family-based life.

It is Dr. Bornwell's hope that the libraries and librarians of Montana can help in this program, the libraries as centers

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for the books and other informational materials which will be needed for the discussion and study groups to function in communites throughout the state; the librarians as members of the community committees or councils sponsoring the programs.

Miss Fulmer sees in this project an opportunity "to strengthen the position of Montana's libraries in the community, and in the state to help toward larger budgets, more books, more trained personnel and the proposed 1945 legislation."

Lois B. Payson, Librarian
Montana State College
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"WE WHO HONOR BOOKS"

Those M. S. L. A. members who have attended P. N. L. A. meetings in former years will remember the vivid personality of Ethel R. Sawyer. Miss Sawyer died in 1942 and a committee of P. N. L. A. members was appointed to collect her papers and to publish them in book form. This book, a beautiful one, has just come from the Dogwood Press in Seattle.* It is called "We Who Honor Books" and it is a stimulating experience for the reader, be he librarian or layman. The book illustrates the author's profound philosophy of librarianship and sparkles with her wit. A random sample of the latter:

> "We are a slogan-ridden race ... Our gregarious instinct has been commercialized until we can now be moved from one kind of breakfast food to another like a herd of buffalo changing their feeding grounds."

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COUNTY LIBRARY LAW

4565. COUNTY LIBRARIAN--APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL--SALARY** Qualifications. Upon the establishment of a county free library, the board of county commissioners may appoint a county librarian who shall receive not less than one hundred dollars per month and who may be removed for cause, after the hearing, by said board. Any person who is a graduate of a library school, or has had two years' practical experience in a library of not less than three thousand volumes, shall be eligible to the office of county librarian; provided, that, from and after the creation and organization of a state board of library examiners no person shall be eligible to the office of county librarian, unless, prior to his appointment, he has received from said board of library examiners a certificate of qualification for the office.

* John L. Richards, Seattle Public Library, is chairman of the Ethel R. Sawyer Memorial Committee and is in charge of the distribution of the book whose cost is $2.50.

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COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Former Montanan Comes Back Home

Miss Margie Ann Crawford who has been at Farragut Naval Training Station has accepted the position as Librarian of the new County Library for Glacier County with headquarters at Cut Bank. This library was created in July, 1944 and Miss Crawford is to start work on November 1st. She will leave Farragut on the fifteenth and plans to visit with her family in Fort Benton before going to Cut Bank. We all wish Miss Crawford the very best and will look forward to hearing about her progress.

Montana County Libraries Getting Grand Publicity

Several months ago Miss Nina Ford, our State President, wrote a splendid article on County Libraries for the Montana Farmer magazine. It was a good argument for the efficiency of the county arrangement.

Recently Mrs. R. K. West of Great Falls, who is the Amy Martin, Editor of the Household Department of the Montana Farmer, visited several county libraries and seemed very interested. Lincoln County Free Library at Libby was one of those visited as was the Flathead County Free Library. Mrs. West is a most interesting person and her visit was much enjoyed. She is enthusiastic about her work and her contact with people all over the State. Libraries have a good friend in her and we should be on the alert to assist her with any bits of information she might be able to use.

Inez Ratekin, Librarian
Lincoln County Free
Library

Flathead County Library Passes It's First Anniversary!

The Flathead County Free Library has now passed its first anniversary and is well into its second year of operation. At present the library boasts of over 4100 volumes. Many new juvenile books were added during the summer in anticipation of the fall rush by the rural schools. The circulation this September more than tripled (almost quadrupled, in fact) that of a year ago!

Jean Lewis, Librarian
Flathead County Free
Library

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER

The P. N. L. A. tentative plan for sponsoring the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, has been brought to the attention of the librarians throughout the Pacific Northwest. At the suggestion of Miss Ford, our President, I have written to several librarians and asked their opinions as to the financing of the plan and why they do or do not approve of it. Here are the answers. (Editor)

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Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center - continued.

"I think the plan is a most fair one. By figuring support on the basis of income, the larger libraries with large incomes, which least need the Center, are bearing the brunt of the support, while the medium-sized and small libraries without much income and with less ability to acquire resources have much to gain at a small cost. In other words, the libraries which least need the Center are paying the most to support the Center for the smaller libraries without incomes and who have need of the Center. Libraries as isolated as the ones in Montana have much to gain from the Bibliographic Center and, as you know, I have been a strong supporter of the Center from the moment I arrived in Missoula. With an active, well-supported Center, we can have much stronger library collections in the Northwest than we could possibly have otherwise, and I am sure that the libraries of the region are cognizant of this fact."

Kathleen Campbell, Libr.
Mont. State University
Library

"I have not had an opportunity to place the plan before by Board as a unit, but the president, to whom I talked about it in detail, was very dubious and inclined to be unfavorable."

Nina Ford, Librarian
Missoula Public Library

"We have not yet felt it necessary to borrow a book through the Center. We have in the past secured our special requests from the larger libraries in the State, Denver, Washington, D. C. We feel, however, those closer to the Center find much use for it and is most valuable, indeed. We are too far away to find it helpful. Therefore, we do not feel obliged to pay an assessment fee, if that plan is decided on. This would have to be taken from our book fund and we need every penny of it here.

We do not feel the smaller libraries should pay the larger maintenance fee for they cannot afford it, they need every dollar for their own upkeep and in most cases, they no doubt, would use it much less than the larger libraries, for their calls would be fewer for books they do not have in stock."

Hazel Christiansen, Libr.
Big Horn County Library

"The idea for financing the Center if fine - the only catch being that we don't have any calls for that sort of thing, so I won't be much support!"

Mary Alice Lange
Havre Public Library

"At the moment we are doing nothing about the Bibliographic Center in Seattle, since we subscribe to the one in Denver." (pending further investigation)"

Ann Whitmack, Librarian
Parmly Billings Memorial
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"Regarding the Bibliographic Center, it had not occured to me that we would be called on to finance the thing, but I can see that it could'nt just run on good will. They tell me our assessment may be about $36. That seems a little high, But I suppose it is up to us to make sufficient use of the service to make it seem worth while. We have already borrowed a number of books through the center, and since we will be paying for the service in the future, I shall feel freer to make requests. No doubt it will prove to be well worth what we are required to pay."

Ellen Torgrimson, Libr.
Chouteau County Free
Library

"For my part, I think that a cooperative plan for the Bibliographic Center is an excellent idea and that the amounts paid from the different libraries should be based on income rather that just book fund."

Jeanne Bennett, Libr.
Carnegie Public Library
Kalispell

"I think the financing scheme of the Bibliographic Center is an excellent idea. How better could the cost of operating it be borne than by the institutions which are getting the benefit? A percentage of the pudget seems very fair."

Jeane Lewis, Librarian
Flathead County Free
Library

"I do not know how many libraries have prescribed to other services offered by the Bibliographic Center other than borrowing books. We have borrowed quite a few books and also have been one of the 96 libraries enjoying the service of the Joint Purchasing Agreement since its inception. Since the new agreement with McClurg in December, we have spent $330.45 net. The discount brings it down to $226.47. This is a saving of $103.98 on volume of business done in a six month period. Subtracting the estimated amount this library would be assessed $34.50 leaves $69.46. On the same volume of business conducted at a 25% discount with the postage paid, there would be $82.62 allowed with no ductions. In that case, it might pay us to free lance in our buying as before. But, the difference between the amounts saved by discounts with the deductions taken from the one sum leaves a total of $13.16. This is a small enough amount to pay for the other services offered by the Center. Of course, entering the Purchasing Agreement one has to spend the amount of money specified when entering the agreement whether the service is what is should be or not. Thus far, with McClurg, our service has been excellent. It seems to me it is up to us to support our Bibliographic Center and make the most use of it possible. The above has been presented to our library board and they have left the final decision to me. However, since such monies as may be levied will come from the book budget I think that should be the basis for estimating amounts to be levied."

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NEWS ABOUT THE STATE

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Our library is off to a good start toward being a Museum - judging from the gifts we have received lately - and we hear there is more to come. The item we like the best is an Armadillo - he is really cute even if his tail is broken at the end. The piece of nose from a swordfish is supposed to be an excellent speciman - so we are told. Last is a piece of magnesium - a tiny piece of this, if lit, would light up the entire building t'is said, but we haven't tried it yet! We will save that experiment for the day the lights burn out.

Two new Venetian blinds have been added in the Juvenile room.

Mrs. W. M. Rosenthal, former Patricia Gibbons, is now living in Columbus, Nebraska (Box no.144) having moved there this fall from Florida.

Miss Bennett is planning a sojourn in the hospital sometime in the near future to have her appendix removed.

Jeanne Bennett, Libr.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY: At the request of Chaplain Shuder of Fort Missoula, The Missoula County Free Library has provided five hundred books for the use of the prisoners interned there.

Nina Ford, Libr.

Parmly Billings Memorial Library:

Dorothy Huston, reference librarian, has gone to work in the Public Library of Madison, Wisconsin. As yet we have no one to take her place.

Our program for the winter is an emphasis on the humanities - art, music, literature, travel and biography - our underlying motto being Masefield's "The days that make us happy, make wise."

Ann Whitmack, Libr.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY:

Miss Thelma Merryfield, who has been acting as clerical assistant in the Acquisitions Department of the Montana State University Library, recently enlisted in the WAVES. She will leave Missoula October 15 for Miles City where she will visit enroute to Hunter College, New York City.

On October 1, Mrs. Rita M. Nelson was appointed acquisitions librarian at Montana State University Library. Mrs. Nelson, a graduate of the Univer ity in the Department of Library Economy, was formerly librarian of the County Division of the Missoula Public Library.

Mrs. Elaine Nelson Flint, who as assistant documents and serials librarian at Montana State University Library during 1940-43, has again joined the staff in the capacity of circulation librarian.

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Montana State College Library:
Montana State College library takes pleasure in introducing two new staff member to M. S. L. A.:
Mary C. Clough, B. A. University of Wyoming, 1943, and B. S. in Library Science, University Wisconsin, 1944.
Barbara Pearson, B. S. with major in Library Science, University of Minnesota, 1944. (Welcome to our ranks! ed.)

Mrs. Helen Goss Pesman, who compiled the M. S. L. A. Directory, writes from Cleveland where her husband is with the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, that living conditions were so crowded in the city, they had to buy a house and that she borrowed books from the Public Library to help with her house-furnishing and canning problems.

Lois B. Payson, Libr.

Carnegie Public Library - Miles City, Montana
From the Miles City Daily Star:

Mrs. Douglass Falkner, librarian of the Carnegie Public Library, and William H. Whittier, manager of the Miles City Vaughn-Ragsdale Store, were married on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus M. Douglass. The Reverend John B. Fitz of the First Presbyterian Church read the service. Mr. and Mrs. Whittier will be at home at the Bell Apartments on Main Street after October first. (Best wishes from us all! ed.)

Mrs. Whittier is looking for an assistant to take charge of the work with the children. Vacancy October 1st.

Sally F. Whittier, Libr.

Great Falls Public Library:
Vacations are over and all have reported back eager for the coming year which it is hoped will bring forth added patrons and incidently added library workers to swell our depleted ranks.
The basement of the Great Falls Public Library is being renovated, new floors, new hot water heater, etc.

Great Falls High School.
Miss Helen Oeschger, Valparaiso, Nebraska a graduate of the Denver school of librarianship is the new librarian in the Great Falls High School Library.

Cascade County Library.
For the coming year Mrs. Harold Lockhart is assistant to Mrs. Amy Patterson in the Cascade County Library.

Louise Fernald, Libr.

"I took a summer course at the Bread Loaf School of English in Vermont. It was a grand summer. Miss Lucia Mirrielees of the Montana State University was on the faculty up there, and we talked about Montana."

Ruth A. Eismann, Libr.
Northern Montana College

"Noted in the Great Falls Tribune, are the names of the following school librarians: Helen Oeschger is librarian

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in the high school; Carmer Whitney in the Junior high; Edna Sherven in the Franklin School.

Ellen Torgrimson, Libr.
Chouteau County Free Library

Miss Whitmack enclosed a clipping from the Denver Post about Miss Margaret Fulmer former Billings librarian and now Assistant in the Public Library Division, American Library Association. Miss Fulmer critized rural Colorado library service but lauds institution in Denver. (the clipping was long and included a picture of Miss Fulmer.)

Carnegie Public Library - Lewistown, Montana

To stimulate interest in the Junior Department I visit the schools twice during each school year. Through the curtesy of the school principles I am permitted to visit every grade in the elementary system. In this manner I am able to do some first hand advertising. I display book jackets, review books of special appeal and explain the library rules and regulations. A period is given to ask and answer questions and the children are informed on all subjects they wish to ask about.

The first visit I make is in the fall about the second week of school, the other just before the close of school. On the last visit the summer reading is brought to the attention of the children. For these two periods new books are displayed and posters are placed in the library.

The response to such advertising has been wonderful. Our junior circulation has been increased at least half.

Helen M. Sweeney
Children's Librarian

Miss Ella Triol, formerly librarian at Lincoln School in Lewistown and a member of the M.S.L.A. is now librarian for the Junior High School at Vanport, Oregon. We understand she had much to do with its organization.

Mrs. Edith Frost has taken her place at librarian at Lincoln School and is a new member of the Montana Library Association.

Miss Adelaine Stillings now Mrs. J. Kent Midgett, formerly assistant librarian at Fort Benton, in the Chouteau County Free Library is making her home in Lewistown. Her husband is on the High School faculty.

Miss Pearl Trueman is the librarian of the Fergus County High School Library and is also Journalism instructor.

Corinne B. Ackley, Libr.

Special vote of thanks goes to Miss Ann Nowatzki for the cover. She is art instructor at Fergus High. Mrs. Gabriel Sterrett of the County Superintendent's office deserves a vote of thanks for allowing me to use the County mimeograph machine and for her patience in teaching me it's idiosyncrasies. (ed.)

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Release from American Library Association sent in by Miss Kathleen Campbell.

Release for Sunday, October 15, 1944

A plan to salvage millions of army camp library books and use them in starting rural public libraries has been proposed to the Surplus Property Administration and to Congress by Carl Vitz, president of the American Library Association. The proposal was made public today at a meeting of the Council of the American Library Association at the Drake Hotel (Chicago).

"With demobilization, many camps will be closed," said Mr. Vitz, "and millions of books will become surplus property, even if one-fourth of the camps are continued. These surplus millions can go a long way toward meeting the needs of the 35 millions of rural and small town Americans who have no local public libraries.

"The proposal of the American Library Association," Mr. Vitz continued, "is that the surplus books, articles of library equipment, and other library materials be transferred to the states and territories, for the use of the people without libraries or with very limited library facilities, as the best means of conserving the Government's investment in them."

"The value of the books is estimated at one dollar a volume or more. But they could be expected to bring only a few cents each if thrown on the second-hand market. Such disposal would not only produce insignificant returns, but would almost seriously interfere with the business of authors, publishers and booksellers over a long period."

"It is proposed that the books be allotted to the states by the U. S. Office of Education in proportion to each state's rural population; that they be allotted to counties and groups of counties within the states by the official state library extension agencies; that some funds be appropriated by the Federal Government to assist in making the books immediately available to the people through organized libraries; and that there be no federal control of libraries within the states."

Mr. Vitz commended the government on the excellence of its library service for soldiers and sailors during the war, and urges that "the reading and study needs of the men and their families be not forgotten when they return to their homes."

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"Another good reason for a strong State Library Commission!"

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LIBRARIANS' CONFERENCE WITH BAKER BROWNELL, DIRECTOR OF THE MONTANA STUDY

On Saturday morning, November 11, representatives of the Montana State Library Association together with librarians from the six units of the University of Montana met at the State University Library in Missoula for a conference with Mr. Baker Brownell, Director of the Montana Study.

Under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation, Mr. Brownell has come to Montana this year to make a study of Montana life and culture. Believing as he does that libraries are one of the most important agencies for the enrichment of community life, Mr. Brownell at once began to explore library services in Montana. It was his suggestion that a meeting of librarians be held to talk over the library situation in Montana and what might be done to improve conditions. In view of the expanded library program which the State Library Association has undertaken this year, it seems a particularly happy time to have Mr. Brownell's cooperation and suggestions.

Those librarians who were able to attend the meeting were stimulated by Mr. Brownell's presentation of our opportunities and responsibilities. For those who were not fortunate enough to hear the discussion by Mr. Brownell and his associates, we are including in this BULLETIN a considerable part of the reports contributed by Mr. Brownell.

THE MONTANA STUDY

The Montana Study is a research project in human resources to be carried on by the Greater University of Montana and financed initially by the Humanities Division of one of the great Foundations. Its purpose is to study ways to improve the quality of living in the State of Montana. Its field is the humanities, or, more simply, human values.

As a research project The Montana Study provides for the services of an adequate staff, but is not designed to finance educational or community activities beyond what the small staff itself can undertake or can get done through voluntary cooperation with other agencies. It is a project in what may be called activated research, however, and its findings will come not merely from scholarly work in the libraries and among statistical reports but from field work in the small communities that make up most of the population of the state. Besides the Director, the staff of The Montana Study includes Joseph Kinsey Howard, author and newspaper man, and Paul Meadows, sociologist and research expert.

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The function of The Montana Study is to find out so far as possible how the lives of the people in Montana and of their families and communities may be stabilized and enriched. This involves asking whether the family as a truly cooperative and stable community is any longer possible in Montana or, indeed, anywhere else in the western world. By what means can such a family, in which each member is or becomes an economic and social asset to every other member, survive under modern conditions? It also involves asking whether the shocking drainage of young men and women from rural Montana to the cities and out of the state should be accepted as necessary and good. It involves asking whether young men and women, many of them returned from war, can find opportunity in Montana or elsewhere for valued, functional activity and a good life. In approaching these problems, The Montana Study will try to find ways to develop educational programs in the state that will include young and old, rural and urban, men and women of all economic groups who will learn as they live and learn how to live in the families and communities where they are at home.

This work requires field experiments of a kind that are now taking on revolutionary significance in American education. How to get the University off the campus? How to make liberal education a constant and continuing function in the communities of the state? These are questions to which no adequate answer has as yet been given in Montana or elsewhere. The answer may eventually involve basic changes in attitude on the part of students, faculties and administrations. It may give more emphasis to education within the native work and the home community of those being educated. This tested principle, magnificently successful in its support of the democratic way of life, has not had much recognition in our educational philosophy. Probably it will receive more. It may lead in time to structural adjustments in curricula and in the organizational relationship of the universities to the people. The sterility and snobbishness of life in most of the nation's great universities, among faculty and students alike, make it clear that abstracting students from their normal family and community life in order to "educate" them is not an adequate way to prepare citizens for life and service in a democratic community. Ways to bring the services of the University directly to the people, ways to enrich family life and to promote community self-education will be considered in The Montana Study, and, it may be hoped, practiced.

The Montana Study has three main parts: research, community field work, training teachers for the new, community-centered conception of the humanities.

The research program is concerned primarily with the conditions necessary to good living in Montana. Economic and social conditions, the natural and cultural environment relating to the stability or decay of families and small communities are being studied. A cultural map of the state will be made. Research should also be conducted in productive or family living, in home architecture, home arts and crafts, agricultural production for use, play, decentralized education. Studies in community structure and its relations to modern production methods and technology, studies of cooperative and community services, studies in education with a view to adapting educational methods and curricula to modern needs in the field, all would be of value. The possibilities are endless. It is, indeed, the task of orientating research to more democratic living. More immediate studies of the arts, literature, music, crafts, folk history and folk lore in Montana will be made in order to help in the development of expressive activities and of ways of living appropriate to the region.

Much of this research will be carried on through the cooperation of research and educational agencies already established in Montana. Much of it, as well as a good deal of field work, already is being carried on, each without much reference to the others. By means of a state-wide advisory committee it is hoped that The

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Montana Study may serve as a center of voluntary coordination for many of these valuable but scattered projects.

The field work for The Montana Study will be carried on in certain Montana communities in order to learn techniques and procedures in adult study-groups, community forums, and the development of expressive activities in music, drama, art, literature, dancing and the like in Montana homes and communities. Community library service, health service, group research into community problems, cultural backgrounds and history, church community work are also important. This field work will necessarily be limited to the few communities that can be reached by members of the staff and others cooperating with it. It may well develop, however, once techniques are learned and initial mistakes made and left behind, into a state-wide educational service directed towards persons of all ages and occupations in their family communities and home towns.

The third part of The Montana Study, the training of teachers and leaders for this family-centered conception of the humanities, is designed to provide a way whereby this work may be made continuous through the years. This training, as to method, will be developed in the research and field work. Faculty seminars in the six schools may be a suitable means for the discussion and formulation of this method. Short courses for community leaders and other agencies will be valuable for training. Courses for selected families in residence for a few weeks at one or more of the six schools will also be considered. Scholarships for teachers in this field of the humanities have been promised by the Foundation which has financed The Montana Study. Eventually a training system for teachers in communities should be established. These teachers should be stable and permanent parts of the community to which they belong. They should be leaders in their communities in an educational pattern that includes all persons of all ages and family living as well as individual achievement.

In these three ways, research, field work and teacher training, The Montana Study hopes to bring about a new and more significant development in education in the humanities.

In the following article prepared for this issue of the Bulletin, Mr. Brownell offers some suggestions to Montana librarians on ways of bringing libraries into closer cooperation with community life. These ideas were discussed by Mr. Brownell at the Conference on Saturday morning.

FOUR SUGGESTIONS ON LIBRARY COMMUNITY WORK

My education in library community work began last summer at a conference with Miss Margaret Fulmer, formerly librarian at Billings and now with the American Library Association in Chicago. I learned there that books, to the progressive librarian, are but vehicles in the service of people, and that service to people, the enrichment of their minds and lives, is the primary objective of library community work. I had long sensed the need for this functional approach to books, but my library environment up to that time had been conservative, characterized by a "books for books' sake" doctrine, and I did not know what a dynamic influence socially and educationally many libraries have become. When I came to Montana and talked to Miss Ford, Miss Whitmack, Miss Campbell and Mrs. Payson, my education in this respect was continued.

The library, and even more, the librarian, can be an influence of constructive importance in the stabilization of the small community and of the family. That this stabilization of the small community and of the family, is tragically needed in the modern world is evident to most persons who concern themselves with the problem.

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As an outsider, so far as library work is concerned, I make the following four suggestions:

In communities which have public libraries or other library service more attention should be given to library board members. Small groups of them might well be invited to some of the institutions of higher education or to some of the larger libraries for special conferences, educational discussions and entertainment. Conferences or meetings for board members might be included in the State Library Association meetings. Printed material of interest to them might be sent to their homes from time to time. If this sort of thing is done with grace and effectiveness, both the library and the community will be helped. The public will learn more of the values of library and educational work. Progressive methods will more easily be introduced into the community.

Further emphasis on friends of the library associations will also be of value. Through them community support and understanding can be increased. Important service to the library in publicity, finance, legislative support, the organization of study groups, and the like can be secured. The Mexican Bookmobiles were instituted through such associations. It is important that the membership of these associations be representative of the entire community.

A third suggestion is that one or more field workers be trained to go among the communities of the State and acquaint them with the possibilities of library community work. Field workers of this sort would be of the greatest value in communities which now have no library service -- and in Montana that includes more than 200,000 people -- but they would also be of value in acquainting small libraries and librarians with modern methods of community service. They should be library evangelists, informed, intelligent, tactful, but with a modern mission to perform. They would be of great service as roving librarians, travelling coordinators, in facilitating the exchange of services and books among communities and in helping to bring in new services to communities that do not now have them.

The fourth suggestion is that a section of the State Library Association meeting in the spring be devoted to library community work, its possible methods, vehicles, its objectives and its educational preparation. Part of this section should be for the benefit of library board members and others outside of the profession who may be of value in helping libraries and librarians in reaching and serving human needs and human beings in the communities of Montana.

These are my four suggestions. I offer them tentatively.

Baker Brownell
Director, The Montana Study

MONTANA NEEDS LIBRARY LEGISLATION ---- THAT WORKS!

DO YOUR LEGISLATORS KNOW --
- WHAT the State Library Extension Commission is?
- WHY the State Library Extension Commission has never functioned?
- HOW the State Library Extension Commission can bring library service to EVERY community in Montana?

ARE YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTING "YES" ON THESE 2 PROPOSALS!
- An amendment to the present Commission law increasing the representation and enlarging the powers of the Commission for a more effective agency; and
- An appropriation of $20,000 for the BIENNIUM so that the Commission may function actively.

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We have had a State Library Extension Commission since 1929.
We have NEVER had an appropriation for this Commission in these 15 years.
Let's do something about it NOW.

WE WANT -
$20,000 for the BIENNIUM
The present Commission law amended as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO._____

An ACT TO AMEND Section 1575.1 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, relating to State Library Extension Commission, method of appointing members, term of office and providing reimbursement for necessary expenses; to amend Section 1575.2 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, relating to powers and duties of the State Library Extension Commission; to add a new section to be designated section 1575.3, relating to the employment of a secretary and assistants for said State Library Extension Commission; to add a new section to be designated section 1575.4, empowering the State Library Extension Commission to accept and administer funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. That section 1575.1 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1575.1 State Library Extension Commission created. A commission is hereby created to be known as the State Library extension commission. This commission shall consist of the librarian of the State University as chairman, the superintendent of public instruction, ex-officio member, and five members to be appointed by the governor, three of whom shall be selected from a list of five names submitted by the Montana State Library Association, and who shall serve one, two, three, four and five years respectively. As these terms expire, annually thereafter one person shall be appointed, subject to the method above provided, for a term of three years. The members of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services except their actual and necessary traveling expenses.

Section 2. That section 1575.2 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1575.2 Powers and duties of the commission. The work of the commission shall be to give assistance and advice to all libraries in the state and to all communities in the state which may purpose to establish libraries, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, or improving established libraries, and aiding in the establishment of traveling libraries; the commission shall act as a state board of vocational standards and library examiners and perform all the duties of said board as provided in section 4565; obtain, each year, from all libraries in the state, reports showing the condition, growth, and development and such other facts and statistics as may be deemed of public interest by the commission; the commission shall make a biennial report to the governor of the state on or before the first day of January covering the work of the commission, and incorporating reports of libraries in the state.

Section 3. That a new section shall be added to the Code to be designated Section 1575.3.

"1575.3 . Employment of secretary and assistants. The commission shall employ a secretary who shall be a trained and experienced librarian, not a member of the commission, for such compensation as the commission may deem adequate, and who shall

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perform the usual duties of a secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the commission, to serve at the will of the commission. The commission may also employ such other assistants as shall be required for the performance of the commission's work. In addition to their salaries, the secretary and assistants shall be allowed their actual expenses while absent from the commission office in the service of the commission.

Section 4. That a new section shall be added to the Code to be designated section 1575.4.

"1575.4. Authorization of commission to accept and administer funds from Federal Government and other agencies. The commission is hereby designated a state library administrative agency and is empowered to accept and administer any money appropriated for or granted to it by the Federal Government or granted or donated by any other agency, public or private, for library service in the state.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts in so far as the same are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

The members of M.S.L.A. voted at its meeting in May to incorporate into the Act a section on pensions providing that librarians in the state might affiliate with a state group having a pension system. Legal counsel advises the Legislative Committee that such a provision may not be included in the Bill because the state constitution provides that not more than one subject may be treated in a legislative act. Therefore, some other action will have to be taken in regard to this matter.

Legislative Committee.

EVERY LIBRARIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

"I grew to be positively ashamed to say, 'I am from Montana', this summer as I met state workers from most of the states of the Union at the Chicago conference. It is high time that something specific was done." This is a direct quotation from a letter received barely a month ago voicing one citizen's opinion regarding the meager library facilities of Montana and the general apathy on the part of the citizens which has allowed it to place forty-seventh among the states of the Union in the matter of state support for its library agency.

That library agency, the State Library Extension Commission, consists of three members, only one of whom is active. We need an agency representative of the various types of libraries in Montana, particularly the public and county libraries. And then we need an appropriation to activate that agency and make it possible for it to provide the experienced leadership needed to promote the extension of library service to the remotest corners of the state. In many localities the people have long wanted the books that this service could provide; but they lack familiarity with the law, with the proper methods of procedure, and with the problems involved in organizing library service. Given the proper leadership, many would be enthusiastic workers in the cause of library extension.

Librarians can speak for the citizens of the state before the state legislature only if those citizens have endorsed the program of the Montana State Library

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Association for an enlarged State Library Extension Commission and an adequate appropriation for its work. That, then is our job: to inform the people, to make clear to them just what libraries have to offer to the schools, to the out-of-school student, to the adult seeking further education, and to the general reader. Given this information, the citizens of Montana will understand the importance of our legislative program and help us to place our state in a position where it does not have to be ashamed of its library facilities.

Nina M. Ford, President
Montana State Library Association

BOOKS FOR ALL MONTANA---OUR PROGRAM

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO INFORM PEOPLE IN THE STATE ABOUT OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM?

Energetic librarians have appeared before citizens' groups to present our needs, with the result that many state-wide organizations have endorsed our program. Following are the resolutions adopted:

1. RESOLVED, That the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, cooperate with the State Library Association--
   a. To extend the State Library Extension Commission
   b. To secure an appropriation for the necessary and important work which the commission can do.

2. RESOLVED, That this convention support the program of the Montana Library Association in its request for proper legislation and sufficient appropriation to carry out their program.
   Montana Farmers' Union

3. RESOLVED, That this convention endorse the legislative program of the Montana State Library Association to provide financial support for the State Library Extension commission, in order to enable this agency to carry out a program of state-wide library service.
   Montana State Federation of Labor

4. RESOLVED, That the Montana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs cooperate with the Montana State Library Association in its 1945 legislative campaign and direct its Legislative Committee to support the following legislative program of the Association:
   a. To extend the State Library Extension Commission
   b. To secure an appropriation for the necessary and important work which this Commission can do.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM?

1. Make certain that local organizations in your community are informed of the endorsements given our program, and get their members to work actively for its support. A resolution has no value unless it is supported by action!

2. Secure newspaper publicity in your local papers. Send in several stories--not just one--telling about ways your library serves the community. Later, write a story about the kind of library your community could have with better financial support. If your local

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newspapers aren't favorable to library news, get some friend of the library to approach the newspapers.

3. Explain our program to your local legislators. This is indispensable. (If you want a list of the members of the coming legislature, write to the Office of the Secretary of State, Helena, or to Lucile Speer, State University Library, Missoula.) Get your friends to call legislators in your county and see that representatives of local organizations use their influence. Make sure that legislators know about the state-wide endorsements which our program has received. According to experienced campaigners, this is our most important line of action.

4. Be confident, even aggressive! We cannot expect success if we take an apologetic manner and assume that defeat is inevitable. Library friends are telling us that we can be successful. Montana is financially able to support adequate library service. We are to blame if we do not reach our long sought goal this year.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

ARE YOU USING OUR PUBLICITY FOLDERS?

So far the librarians of Montana are not rushing letters to me for folders and we want to urge everyone to send for as many as can be used in your section. We have several thousand more and they should every one be used effectively. Please send immediately and start your work on the legislators. We need YOU and YOU and YOU. The election is over so you know who will be your representatives and senators--please contact them and have other influential people and organizations do the same. It may seem early but it will soon be too late to get started. Anything you can do in your corner should be done. Please let me know what and how you are doing!

Inez Ratekin, Chairman, Publicity
Montana State Library Association

SUPPORT FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER

As Montana's representative on the Committee on Bibliography of P. N. L. A., I was interested in reading the comments made in the September-October issue of the BULLETIN. The statement made by several librarians was to the effect that they did not borrow books from the Center - hence, they had no need of the Center. Inter-library loan service is by no means the only service of the Center. The chief function of the Center is to act as a central agency for all types of library cooperation. A good foundation has been laid. The Center can be built to fulfill its purpose and to meet the needs of Montana libraries, but not without support. Librarians in Montana do not know what demands will be made upon them after the war. Therefore, we cannot prognosticate our use of the Center now. Let us not consider support for the Center in the form of immediate gains only, but rather in terms of future service to Montana.

Kathleen Campbell
Committee on Bibliography, P.N.L.A.

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LIBRARIANS OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA PLAN SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM

The librarians of the six units of the University of Montana and members of the library staff of Montana State University met informally in Missoula on Friday afternoon, November 10. Mr. Baker Brownell of The Montana Study, his associates, and Dr. Melby, President of Montana State University, were also present. The meeting was called by Kathleen Campbell, Montana's representative on the Committee on Bibliography of P. N. L. A. to discuss library specialization among the six units as part of the regional program for specialization proposed by the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. Problems pertaining to each unit were discussed, methods for avoiding duplication in periodical holdings and in exchange material, were presented, and committees were appointed to work toward a cooperative plan in regard to periodical holdings and exchanges. The recommendation was made and approved that librarians of the six units hold a meeting each year in conjunction with the conference of M. S. L. A.

ON DEFENDING THE FREEDOM TO READ IN LIBRARIES

[The Committee on Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association is anxious to have the following statement reach as wide a library audience as possible. The question has a deep concern for libraries; we hope you will cooperate in the suggestion of A. L. A.]

Every librarian hates censorship. His decision to add a book or periodical to the collection is not arbitrary but is based on the conviction that the book is of value and interest to his patrons. Once he has made his decision in accordance with that policy, he should not be overruled by persons who want to prevent others from reading what they themselves disapprove of. This type of interference in library operation is frequently accompanied by threats so serious as to force the librarian to accede to it. Whenever he does accede, he reluctantly restricts the freedom to read. Such action is directly contrary to the principles he believes in; that's why he hates censorship.

The A. L. A.'s Committee on Intellectual Freedom has been empowered by the Executive Board and Council to compile a record of attempts, successful or not, to interfere with the library's provision of any book or periodical. To do this, it must have the help of the libraries. We therefore ask you to report to us any incident in your community where someone or some group or organization attempted to interfere with the provision of a book or magazine. We'd like to know:

Book or periodical affected
Person or organization interfering
Action taken or threatened by interfering agency
Action taken or contemplated by the library

We shall not make this information public without your permission.

Please send all information to Leon Carnovsky, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois, the chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom. Other members of the Committee are Mrs. J. Perian Danton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly, New York City; Mr. Jens Nyholm, librarian of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Miss Ruth Rutsen, chief of the circulation department, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. George H. Tomlinson, trustee of the Evanston Public Library, Evanston, Ill.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Nina Ford, president of M. S. L. A. announces that the annual convention of the M. S. L. A. will be held in Havre the first week in May.

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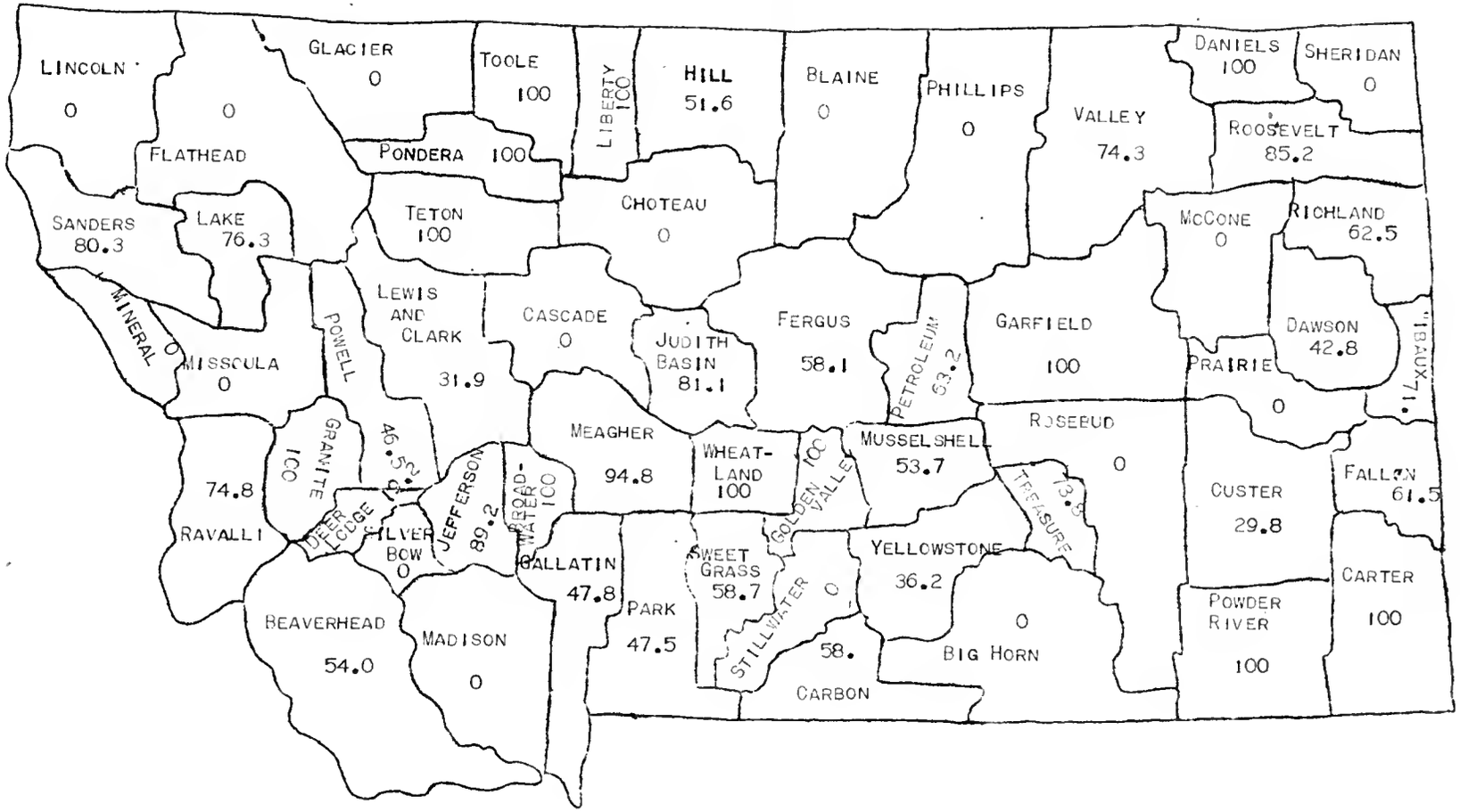
BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Percentage of Population Without Library Service



In the 17 Montana counties which have county libraries, it is assumed that the entire population has library service. Actually, this is far from being the case.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Only those who have shared the struggle for adequate library legislation through several disappointing legislative sessions can fully realize the satisfaction that comes in being able to say at last, "Our bills have passed". To those who worked in their home communities, talking before clubs, discussing library needs with leaders of various local organizations, and informing their legislators about our proposed bills before they left for Helena goes a great share of the credit for the success of the campaign. Those of us who went before the committees in Helena were sustained by the knowledge that every member of the Montana State Library Association stood squarely behind us, whether she was working as chairman of a committee or talking about library needs to borrowers across the loan desk. And it made our task easier to know that we were talking to legislators who had heard of these matters before and were prepared to ask pertinent questions and understand the explanations given. To the fine spirit of cooperation and the hard work of every member of our state organization goes the credit for the victory.

I think we can be forgiven a moment's exultation in our achievement, but even in this moment let us realize that adequate legislation is only the foundation stone upon which to build the library structure of our state. Our newly enlarged State Library Extension Commission is the Board of vocational standards and that Board will want to know what Montana librarians are thinking about plans for certification. It is also the state administrative library agency: it will need the cooperation of every librarian to establish itself actively and efficiently in this role. It is above all an Extension Commission, and needs the influence and support of every member in preparing the way for more and better library service. Not until all the people of Montana have library service to meet their needs and desires can we relax our efforts. That is our goal, and that is where we must go from here.

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HISTORY OF LIBRARY LEGISLATION, 1945.

To Members of the Montana State Library Association:

The editor of this issue of the BULLETIN has asked your legislative Chairman to write a history of the two library bills passed by the 1945 General Assembly of Montana.

You will remember that the meeting of the State Library Association held last May was devoted entirely to library legislation. You voted that the Association sponsor two bills in the state legislature, one to amend the present law of the Montana State Library Extension Commission, and the other to secure an appropriation for the Commission.

Your Publicity Committee got busy in September, and did an outstanding piece of work, as you know. The proposed bill to amend the present Commission law, as originally written by your Legislative Committee, appeared in the November-December issue of the BULLETIN. On December 11, your President and the Chairman of the Legislative Committee met with three of the four representatives elected to the state legislature from Missoula County. All three representatives approved the proposed amendment bill with one exception in Section 1575.4. Two of the representatives questioned the matter of Federal control in the bill as originally drawn, and recommended that a clause be inserted to the effect that Federal aid would not result in Federal control. These two legislators stated that if the proposed bill were thus qualified in regard to Federal aid, they would introduce the bill in the House. Otherwise they looked with disfavor upon the bill.

Representatives Frank Hazelbaker and Winfield Page of Missoula County, and Robert A. Patterson of Hill County introduced the bill amending the present Commission law (H.B.98) and also a bill, drawn up by your Executive and Legislative Committees, providing for a biennial appropriation of $20,000 for the support of the Commission (H.B. 99). Mr. Hazelbaker did a grand job of keeping your President and Legislative Chairman informed as to the progress of the bills both in the House and Senate. Several members of the House Committee on State Boards and Offices had questions in regard to H.B. 98. Mr. Hazelbaker arranged a hearing before this Committee for your President and Legislative Chairman to answer questions and to give information desired by the Committee. The appropriations bill met with no difficulty in the House Appropriations Committee, and both bills passed the House without a dissenting vote.

The Senate was not such an easy matter. Again, the subject of Federal control seemed to be the fly in the ointment regarding H.B.98 even though the bill contained a clause guarding against it. Mr. Hazelbaker arranged a hearing before the Senate Committee on State Boards and Offices so that your President and Legislative Chairman might present their case. The Committee asked pertinent and intelligent questions regarding the State Library Extension Commission, and at the completion of the hearing advised your President and Legislative Chairman that their questions had been answered fully and satisfactorily. The Senate Committee, however, recommended several slight changes in wording and one amendment to H.B. 98. The amendment pertained to membership of the Commission and the method of appointment. Members of the Senate Committee objected to a commission of seven members stating that so large a commission was unwieldy, and recommended a commission of five members. The Committee further objected to appointments having to be made from a list submitted by the State Library

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Association. This objection was based on the fact that the Governor had already vetoed several bills containing such recommendations because he refused to be dictated to in making appointments to offices and commissions. Those of you who were present at the meeting of the State Library Association last May will remember that the Association was divided on this point. Some of you believed that the Commission should remain small and that the Association should have no control over appointments to the Commission. However, the Association voted to increase the membership from three to seven and to follow the Commission law now on the statutes as to the method of appointment except that the Association would control three appointments instead of one. Because this matter seemed to be a bone of contention with the Senate Committee, your Legislative Chairman, with the approval of your President, agreed to an amendment to Section 1575.1 reducing the Commission from seven to five members with unqualified appointments to be made by the Governor. Your Legislative Chairman could see no objection to this recommendation because, without doubt, the Governor will welcome suggestions for membership from the Association.

H.B. 98 passed the Senate and has been signed by the Governor. H.B. 99 likewise passed the Senate, and, as in the House, no Committee hearing was necessary. H.B. 99 is now awaiting the signature of the Governor and your Legislative Committee has every reason to believe that the Governor will sign it, in which event, Montana will have an active Library Commission for the first time in its history, the Commission having been created in 1929.

The Legislative Committee succeeded in its program only because you - the good and faithful servants - made it possible, and the fruits of your efforts have been harvested. The Legislative Committee expresses to each and everyone of you and to your community a hearty "thank-you" for your fine cooperation and support. Without it your Committee could have done nothing. With it, Montana has an active Library Commission. Your Legislative Chairman is sure that every member of M.S.L.A. joins the Legislative Committee in extending to Mr. Hazelbaker a sincere expression of appreciation for his time, consideration, thoughtfulness, and constant vigilance in seeing the library bills through the legislature.

H.B. 98 as amended is given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Campbell
For the Legislative Committee of M.S.L.A.

(Mrs.) Mabel Miller
Elsie Lundborg
Kathleen Campbell, Chairman

Note: While the stencil for this page was still in the typewriter a note was received from Miss Campbell to the effect that since writing the History of Library Legislature for 1945, H.B. 99 has been signed by the Governor. She also added HOORAY ! and a few more enlightened sentences that out of respect to the dignity of our University Librarian, Legislative Chairman, Extension Commission Chairman, and an all around good humorist, I will not print, but if any of you wish to see me privately I'll be glad to share them. -- Editor.

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H O U S E B I L L N O. 98

Introduced by Hazelbaker, Page, Patterson

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1575.1 AND SECTION 1575.2 OF THE REVISED CODES OF MONTANA, 1935, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION; THE COMPOSITION OF SAID COMMISSION; THE EMPLOYMENT OF SECRETARY AND ASSISTANTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF SAID SECRETARY, ASSISTANTS AND THE COMMISSION AND ADDING ANOTHER SECTION DESIGNATED AS SECTION 1575.3 RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION AND ADDING ANOTHER SECTION TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 1575.4 RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FUNDS OR PROPERTY FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES AND DESIGNATING THE COMMISSION AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY FOR MONEYS OR PROPERTY RECEIVED FROM ANY AGENCY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE."

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. That Section 1575.1 and Section 1575.2 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, be, and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

"1575.1. State Library Extension Commission created. A Commission is hereby created to be known as the State Library Extension commission. This Commission shall consist of the librarian of the State University as chairman, the state superintendent of public instruction, ex-officio member, and three members to be appointed by the governor, who shall serve one, two and three years respectively. As these terms expire, annually thereafter one person shall be appointed for a term of three years. The members of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services except their actual and necessary traveling expenses.

Section 2. That Section 1575.2 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1935, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1575.2. Employment of secretary and assistants. The commission shall employ a secretary who shall be a trained and experienced librarian, not a member of the commission, for such compensation as the commission may deem adequate, and who shall perform the usual duties of a secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the commission, to serve at the will of the commission. The commission may also employ such other assistants as shall be required for the performance of the commission's work. In addition to their salaries, the secretary and assistants shall be allowed their actual expenses while absent from the commission office in the service of the commission.

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Section 3. That a new section shall be added to the Code to be designated Section 1575.3.

"1575.3. Powers and duties of the commission. The work of the commission shall be to give assistance and advice to all libraries in the state and to all communities in the state which may purpose to establish libraries, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, or improving established libraries, and aiding in the establishment of traveling libraries; the commission shall act as a state board of vocational standards and library examiners and perform all the duties of said board as provided in section 4565; obtain, each year, from all libraries in the state, reports showing the condition, growth, and development and such other facts and statistics as may be deemed of public interest by the commission; the commission shall make a biennial report to the governor of the state on or before the first day of January covering the work of the commission, and incorporating reports of libraries in the state.

Section 4. That a new section shall be added to the Code to be designated Section 1575.4.

"1575.4. Authorization of commission to accept and administer funds or property from Federal Government and other agencies. The commission is hereby designated a state library administrative agency and is empowered to accept and administer any moneys or property appropriated for or granted to it by any agency, public or private, for library service in the state, including the Federal Government, provided that the acceptance of such funds or property from the Federal Government does not entail any degree of Federal control.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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This bill appropriated $10,000 annually for the state library extension commission.

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PUBLICITY REPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN

The Publicity Committee of the Montana State Library Association is not and never should be limited to the three members formally appointed by the President—it includes every member of the Association and interested friends. That this fact is true was evidenced by the especially fine work done throughout the state during this 1945 legislative campaign. Reports from Helena showed that the legislators were informed and receptive to our program and bills. The many letters received by the committee from members indicated their interest and full cooperation. Each member has satisfaction of knowing what she did and when reading this report of the publicity committee can know that her part was just as important. This report is for a record to guide or help some future committee.

Immediately after our May convention at Missoula the Publicity Committee started to plan the folder which was finally issued as MONTANANS — DO YOU KNOW. 10,000 of these folders were printed. One was included in each copy of the September-October BULLETIN and bunches were sent out to the librarians requesting them and to all of the organizations written to or contacted. The committee felt that the information they contained was important aside from their legislative purpose. Only a few scattered copies of the folder remain.

The following organizations were contacted and passed resolutions supporting our legislative program at their state conventions: Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, Montana Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Montana Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, Farmers' Cooperative and Educational Union, Montana State Grange, and the State A.F. of L. Local organizations of all of these state groups were sent letters from our President, reminding them of their state resolution, explaining the campaign, enclosing folders, and enlisting their support.

Letters were sent to the Teacher's Unions of the State and copies of our November-December legislative BULLETIN sent to all of the county superintendents. Newspaper publicity was sent to the People's Voice, the Montana Treasure State Labor Journal, and the Montana Labor News.

Letters and folders were also sent to the local organizations of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions' Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis clubs, and other men's civic groups.

A radio program, originating at the University, was devoted to our campaign, with Miss Nina Ford, our President, as guest speaker.

Miss Frances Smith, State Home Demonstration Leader and her staff of county workers distributed folders and information.

Miss Lucia Mirrialees of the English Department of the University brought our legislation before several clubs, including the Missoula A.A.U.W. who endorsed our measures and requested all A.A.U.W. groups in the state to do likewise.

Personal letters (no carbons) were sent to all of the senators and representatives, enclosing a copy of the draft of the bill and a folder.

Several business corporations were written to asking for their support, as were a number of prominent citizens over the state.

The BULLETIN has been mainly devoted to this campaign, each issue dealing with a phase of it.

Miss Kathleen Campbell kept us notified of the progress of our bill.

The personal appearances at Helena by Miss Ford, President, and Miss Kathleen Campbell, Legislative Chairman, were the climax to our whole campaign and was the best possible publicity for our Association. Their successful ability to explain matters in a manner most satisfactory to our legislators, was our final "ace in the hole".

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
Lucile Speer
(Mrs.) Corinne Ackley
Inez Ratekin, Chairman.

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NOTICES ! ! !!!

MONTANA LIBRARIANS: DON'T FORGET A.L.A....NEEDS MONEY, TOO!

Of course you are busy! You have never campaigned so hard before for library legislation. You have been flooded with DO'S and DON'TS for the Appropriations Bill for State Library Service in Montana. To the DON'T list please add one other item: DON'T FORGET A.L.A. DUES. A.L.A. gives national and international library service, you know -- and needs money, too! Don't you take just two minutes from your very busy day RIGHT NOW and send a check for your A.L.A. dues while library service is uppermost in your mind?

Kathleen Campbell, Representative for Montana
A.L.A. Membership Committee

OUR DIRECTORY !

The Editor of the Directory needs to know about staff changes. If you have new members on your staff please send a postal card to Doris Wilson, Montana State College Library, Bozeman, Montana, with complete information as follows:

Name in full:
Replaces:
Title of position:
New staff members -- position:

A.L.A. DEVELOPMENT FUND --- OBJECTIVES

This is a campaign to raise funds with which

1. To maintain a representative of libraries in Washington under the direction of the A.L.A.:
   (a) To help secure Army camp library books and equipment primarily for rural library service, when this property is no longer needed by the Army.
   (b) To help make other federally-owned surplus property, including books, available to college and university libraries, school libraries, public libraries, state library extension agencies, and other publicly-supported or tax-exempt libraries.
   (c) To provide federal agencies with information concerning the nation's needs for improved and extended library service.
   (d) To help interpret to federal officials the needs and functions of libraries of all kinds.
2. To enable the American Library Association to carry on a national public relations program directly and indirectly in support of these and related objectives.

Success in the above efforts will carry forward a long time objective of the A.L.A. to increase the educational facilities of the country through the extension and improvement of library service.

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SURPLUS !

The following sets are available from Montana State University Library, Missoula, for the payment of transportation charges:

The Encyclopaedia Britannica. 11th edition. New York, The Encyclopaedia Britannica Company, 1910-11. 29 v. (Small edition on thin paper)

De Berard, Frederick B ., ed.
Classic tales by famous authors. New York, The Bodleian Society, 1905. 20 v. set. (v. 9 missing)
v.1 Battle camp and siege, v.2 The sea, v.3 Heroism, v.4 Wonder, v.5 Wierd tales, v.6 Fairyland and fancy, v.7 The Iliad, v.8 The Aenid, v.9 (missing) v.10 Child stories, v.11 Olden France, v.12 Orient, v.13 Prose idyls, v.14 Enchantment, v.15 Occult tales, v.16 Barbarians and savages, v.17 Gods and heroes, v.18 Comedy, v.19 Tragedy, v.20 The stage.

Ridpath, John Clark.
The Ridpath library of universal literature. A biographical and bibliographical summary of the world's most eminent authors, including the choicest selections and masterpieces from their writings, comprising the best features of many celebrated compilations. Renaissance edition de luxe. New York, Fifth Avenue Library Society, 1906. 25 v. (Well indexed).

Ridpath, John Clark.
Ridpath's history of the world, being an account of the principal events in the career of the human race from the beginnings of civilization to the present time, comprising the development of social institutions and the story of all nations. Chicago, The Riverside Publishing Company, 1901. 9 v.

Wilson, James Grant, ed.
The Presidents of the United States, 1789-1914. By John Fiske ... and many others. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914. 4 v.

LAST CALL FOR MSLA DUES !!!

Ruth A. Eismann, our worthy Treasurer tells us the sad fact that only 68 members have paid their dues, as compared with 83 last year ! Oh, me, oh, my, instead of hanging your head in shame won't those of you who have just been doing a little procrastinating about the matter please remedy it. We need your support in all ways. Send your dollar to Miss Ruth A. Eismann, Librarian, Northern Montana College, Havre --- purty please !

AND --- REMEMBER our convention date at Havre the first week of May!
If and as soon as you know if we can count on your presence will you please drop Miss Eismann a card so she can plan her preparations well in advance.

Miss Eismann is also the editor of the Pre-Convention number of this Bulletin so please send any news for that issue to her.

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PERSONAL GLIMPSES

MISS JOSEPHINE TRIGG, the Children's Librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, was taken sick the Friday before Christmas. On Dec. 27, MISS LOUISE M. FERNALD, the Head Librarian, fell and broke her hip. They are both still in the Columbus Hospital and getting along nicely.

MISS ANN WHITLACK, Librarian of Parmly Billings Memorial Library, is chairman of the A.L.A. Library Development Fund and elsewhere in this Bulletin, under Notices, you will find the list of objectives she sent. She says we will hear from her directly and we can all be thinking about this matter.

MISS ELSIE LUNDBORG, Librarian of the Helena High School Library, reports: "After a two and a half months' absence from the library because of illness I am back--feeling fine and attempting to make up for lost time".

Our President, MISS NINA M. FORD, was invited by Miss Elizabeth Ireland to be guest speaker at the County Superintendent's meeting at Helena in December. An entire half day was devoted to library service with several superintendents reporting on service in their respective counties. The organization of county libraries was discussed and other possibilities in library service over the state. Miss Ford talked on library matters in the state and explained the legislative campaign, after which she answered questions from the floor. From several reports coming to ye editor's ears this President of ours gave a very fine account and made a successful appeal to their interest.

MISS JEANNE BENNETT, Librarian of the Kalispell Public Library has accepted a position with the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, Maryland. She will leave for her new job the early part of this summer.

The Flathead County Librarian, JEANE LEWIS, will be leaving the pioneer field July 1, 1945 to become the city librarian in Kalispell following the resignation of Jeanne Bennett who is leaving for Baltimore.

MISS RUBY EGBERT resigned her position as cataloger in the Montana State University Library on December 1, to assume the position of head cataloger at the San Bernardino County Library, San Bernardino, California.

Miss Egbert will be replaced by MISS BERNICE PATON. Miss Paton received her AB from the University of Oklahoma, her BS in Library Science from Columbia, and MA in Library Science from the University of Michigan. For the past few years she has been Senior Cataloger in the University of Michigan Library. She will assume her new duties March 19th.

MISS NINA FORD and MISS ANN WHITLACK are members of the Montana Study, the interesting project in the humanities which is being directed by Mr. Baker Brownell.

MISS DOROTHY PETERSON, formerly Acquisitions Librarian of the Montana State University Library, now Ensign in the WAVES, became the bride of Mr. Brian O'Neill, aviation electrician's mate in the Navy, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the 14th of February. ~~A reception was given in Missoula for relatives and close friends.~~

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MISS VERA MARIE HUNT is now MRS. JAMES C. SALINAS, having been married at the post chapel at Camp Swift, Texas where her husband Lt. James Charles Salinas has been stationed. She is a graduate of the Montana State University library school and has been at the Farragut Naval Station as hospital librarian for some months. The couple will be at home after Feb.10 at 106 Johanna, Austin, Texas.

Born to MR. AND MRS. J. KENT MIDGETT (Adelaine Stillinga) on February 3rd, a son, Bruce Robert, at Lewistown.

As a loving tribute the pupils of the three Hamilton schools have contributed money to a fund which was used to provide flowers for the funeral of the late librarian MRS. CARRIE POND. Most of the fund remains and will be used to purchase a Colorado blue spruce or some other ornamental evergreen tree which will be planted in the lawn at the Hamilton library as a living memorial to her.

MRS. FLOY FITZGERALD is serving as librarian at Hamilton.

MRS. ELLA JEWETT WHITE, mother of MISS CATHERINE WHITE, reference librarian of the Montana State University Library, died February 2, in Missoula after three weeks illness.

MRS. NORMAN RISLEY, Assistant Librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library, is with her husband, a pharmacist's mate in the Navy, who is stationed at Farragut Naval Base, having completed nearly two years active service in the South Pacific. Her position has not been filled but with the extra help of the two high school part-time girls, DOLORES OERTEL and HELEN SWILLEY, we manage to keep going.

MONTANA FARMER GIVES GOOD LIBRARY PUBLICITY

The Montana Rural Homes Department of the Montana Farmer, edited by Amy Martin (Mrs.R.K.West in private life) has been more than cooperative in regard to library publicity in the last several issues. In the December 1 number there is an article "Reading with Children" by Jeane Lewis, Librarian of the Flathead County Library, with an accompanying Graded Book List and an explanatory note about Miss Lewis and her work. There is also a department editorial, "Needed Legislation" using material from our Montanans--Do You Know folder.

In the January 1 issue there is an article on the Lincoln County Free Library, written by Mrs.West and illustrated by two pictures of the library, exterior and an interior view of the children's room.

In the current number an article "Libraries Essential to Communities" by Mrs. Beulah Crouch, teacher Sorrel Horse School, and Mrs. Mary Van Cleve, Big Horn County, tells the benefits derived from their Big Horn County Library and a plea to the taxpayers of the state of Montana to "put the advantages and the enjoyments of the library into every home in the state!" Accompanying this article is a picture of the Book Week display of new juvenile books in the basement of the Big Horn County Library.

The Montana Farmer is widely read throughout the state especially among rural residents and Mrs. West deserves a vote of thanks for her cooperation and interest in the possibilities of library service in every nook and cranny of Montana.

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HERE AND THERE AROUND THE STATE

CASCADE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, Great Falls -- At present we have two branch libraries, eight deposit stations, and thirty-nine schools which act as deposit stations for their communities as well as for the pupils, all of which are circulating our county library books in a most satisfactory manner to us and our patrons. -- Amy A. Patterson, Librarian.

BLAINE COUNTY LIBRARY, Chinook -- BBook Week last fall was our last big shipment of books received at one time. We then had several tables of adult and childrens books on display during the week.

We subscribe to the Junior Guild books which we receive each month, beside our regular orders for best sellers, requests, and so on.

Our County Extension Service worker has been holding meetings with the various clubs throughout the county during January and February this year. We have sent boxes of carefully selected books with her each time. Books of fiction, travel, history, up to date books, childrens books, Good books for the homes, stressing the need for reading in the home and a connecting link between the Library and far rural homes.

The science classes at the schools are doing considerable research work at our library these days for their birds and rocks booklets.

-- Catherine E. O'Brien, Librarian.

CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Lewistown -- I have nothing to tell you as the library is just going merrily along its way. However, we did send telegrams to our senators and representatives from the Library Board, Home Demonstration clubs, Kiwanis Club, Women's Clubs of Lewistown and a discussion club of which I am a member, also sent a telegram with our individual names signed...

-- Corinne Ackley, Librarian.

FLATHEAD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY -- Maybe a shipment of books would rate as news these days - just got one - the order was made in December. (We know how it is)

The Montana State University extension course is being given here in Kalispell and the library is used for the meeting place.

We have a college club this year composed of those seniors who plan to attend college next year. They meet once a week in the library - with different teachers in charge to discuss different problems. -- Mildred Grawe, Librarian.

BIG HORN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY, Hardin -- We have three grand new display cases on the end of each of the long double shelves. We have had interesting Lincoln and Washington displays in poster, pictures and books.-Hazel Christiansen, Librarian.

KALISPELL PUBLIC LIBRARY -- We have a new display case in our library - now the problem is to get something to put in it. -- Jeanne Bennett, Librarian.

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY -- The West Side Branch of the Great Falls Public Library was opened Feb. 1, 1945 with Mrs. Louise Slee in charge. It is open three days each week: Monday, Wednesday & Friday. -- Bessie Sestak, Cataloger.

PARMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY -- I asked the girls what I should tell you and they said that we had had some unusually successful exhibits - Christmas, New Year's Resolutions, and the present one of Now Let Us Praise Famous Men; Mrs. Polly Cross Smith, our new assistant has charge of them. -- Ann Whitmack, Librarian.

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GLACIER COUNTY LIBRARY, Cut Bank -- I haven't any news of great importance, but maybe the others would like to know something about what is going on here in the Glacier County Library.

We opened for circulation on December 15th. As yet we have scarcely any furniture to speak of, no tables, eight borrowed chairs, two desks, and bookcases. Hence we function only for the purpose of circulating books, and there is little use of the library as a reading room. At first the response and interest shown in the library was very discouraging, but there is an increasing circulation and registration of borrowers that looks promising. To date we have approximately 1800 volumes, and every week or so we have received a number of useful readable book gifts. At the present time, I am allowed part time help in the person of Mrs. Oliver. The Library is located in the basement of the Post Office building in Cut Bank which is certainly the most convenient place in town as far as the public is concerned.

Very soon a branch library is to be started at Browning, and it is to be taken care of and located in the club room of the War Mothers' Club.

The Cut Bank Woman's Club and the Gold Star Wives are donating books in the amount of $25.00 and $30.00 respectively, to the library.

--- Margie Ann Crawford, Librarian.

HAMILTON -- A memorial to the lives of five Hamilton flyers who lost their lives during the past year, came to the Hamilton public library, in the form of Ivan Dmitri's book. FLIGHT TO EVERYWHERE. The author has written an inscription to the five airmen "To our friends whose flight has not ended.", followed by their names. The book was sent by an unknown donor and is much appreciated by the librarian, Mrs. Fitzgerald and the people generally. -- Mary Lee Hall, Librarian, Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton.

WM. K. KOHRS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, Deer Lodge -- The yearly report of the Wm.K.Kohrs Memorial Library at Deer Lodge for 1944 shows a substantial increase in the business of that institution, both as to circulation and finances. Nearly 12,000 pieces of reading material were circulated during the year; new patrons registered were 279 and new books added, 315.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 6, action was taken on House Bill No.99 (the library extension measure). Chairman O.D.Speer instructed the secretary, Miss Florence Hill, and the librarian to voice the board's approval of this legislation to Powell County's representatives in the legislature.

Considerable favorable comment was occasioned during the Holidays by the appearance of a lovely lighted Christmas tree on the receiving desk. It was flanked by a nice display of books suitable to the season.

During recent months, classes in English from the grade schools and the high school, with their teachers, have visited the library to become acquainted with library usages decorum and facilities. The librarian gave informal talks to the visitors on these occasions.

The Wm. K. Kohrs Memorial library possesses a comprehensive file of old newspapers, dating back to July, 1868. These were the center of interest when the State Pioneers' convention met in Deer Lodge last autumn.

-- Florence E. Reynolds, Librarian.

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY -- Miss Elsie Lundberg, Librarian, sent us a copy of the American Association of School Librarians newsletter which was an interesting little item. School librarians not acquainted with this division of the American Library Association would find it well worth their while to be in this group.

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BOZEMAN -- Miss Cook of the Bozeman Public Library generously opened its Children's Department to a Montana State College class in CHILD DEVELOPMENT last quarter. A two-hour laboratory assignment was arranged and gave the girls an opportunity to work with publications for children. The girls were most enthusiastic about the class and suggested for next year a lecture on the campus with the laboratory work at the library to be timed to suit the convenience of the individuals.
--- Doris Wilson, Montana State College L.

MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MISSOULA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY -- In the last few weeks six different groups of Camp Fire Girls, ranging from 8 to 13 girls at a time, have visited the library and been conducted on a tour through it. Each department was explained, the use of the card catalog, electric charging machine, and: the County Free Library, and how it operates.

This is one of the group activity projects suggested in the Camp Fire Girls program for citizenship training. -- E.L.Swant.

CHOTEAU PUBLIC LIBRARY -- November 15 the Woman's Club held a Silver Tea at the Library. Set a long table in the center of the outer room, lace cloth, crystal candlesticks, lovely silver and china, delicious cookies, tea and coffee. Silver offering around $32.00 and books donated about 25 or 30. We have quite a number of very old books, these were all on display in comparison with the new. Also a beautiful poster sent out by the Book of the Month Club, THE STORY OF BOOKS. It attracted much attention and comment. We have cataloged 74 new books since the Tea in November, some of these were donations and some purchased.

We have SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY and THE POLISH REVIEW on our magazine rack for lending among our patrons. We also have the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, LADIES HOME JOURNAL, READERS DIGEST, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, AMERICAN, COSMOPOLITAN; these are second hand donations but are so welcome and read by many of our patrons. IN KENTUCKY, a quarterly (courtesy), Christian Science literature, THE REGISTER, Catholic (sub. sent by Catholic Church), and THE WATCHMAN, an Advent publication are also sent to us.

Perhaps this sounds queer to you, but our library as you perhaps know, is a privately-owned affair, by the Woman's Club, and of course our means are limited and we are grateful for any donations of books or magazines.

If we could only work up interest to get a free county library we would be so glad.

I would like so much to meet the librarians I have had correspondence with in the last few years. In your free libraries you don't have some of the trying problems we have here in our small library. We have around 5000 volumes in all.
--- Clara Roberts, Librarian.

(The above is a good example of the splendid work being done in many places by civic clubs where there is no tax-supported library. There are a number of such places in Montana and it is a challenge to us to try to help them get a county library organized to be able to serve their entire area. -- Editor.)

A very useful manual for organizing a library in a small community is PICTORIAL LIBRARY PRIMER, by Mrs. Winifred Lemon Davis, published by Library Research Service, Division of Demco Library Supplies, Madison, Wisconsin. It gives clear explanations of accepted library procedures, describing them in their simplest forms with accompanying illustrations. It is condensed to thirty-six pages of easily understood material arranged for convenience in use. -- Nina M. Ford.

It was a distinct and real pleasure to be your Editor for this Victory Bulletin and the cute and clever replies I received from my unorthodox requests helped to cheer me on. Let us take our legislative victory as a challenge as our President suggests and really plan WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?. -- Inez Ratekin.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

WILL WE SEE YOU AT CONVENTION?

Volume 6, Number 5 — Ruth A. Eismann, Editor
March-April, 1945 — Northern Montana College Library

The 32nd annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association will be held in Havre, Montana, May 7th and 8th, 1945. Miss Nina Ford of Missoula, President of the Association, will preside at the business sessions, and Miss Ellen Torgrimson of Fort Benton, will join Mrs. Alice Lange, Miss Ruth Eismann and Miss Elsie Mack who will serve as hostesses.

We extend to every member of the Association a most cordial invitation to the meeting at Havre, and hope that each one will make a special effort to attend. This is our year for rejoicing! Our Legislation has been successful, we have new and important plans to make, we need the support of a united and enthusiastic membership!

PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: Sunday afternoon, May 6th.....Grand Hotel Lobby

MONDAY, MAY 7 .....Court House
3rd floor

9:00

Call to order.....Nina M. Ford
Welcome.....Mayor J. A. Wright
Response.....Inez Ratekin
Minutes of the 1944 meeting at Missoula
Reports:

Treasurer,.....Ruth Eismann
A.L.A. Membership.....Kathleen Campbell
P.N.L.A. Membership.....Mrs. Hazel Christiansen
P.N.L.A. Board.....Mrs. Lois B. Payson
Mont. Representative for
Bibliographic Center...Kathleen Campbell
M.S.L.A. Directory.....Doris Wilson
Legislation.....Kathleen Campbell
Publicity.....Inez Ratekin
Federal Relations.....Ann Whitmack
County & Regional Libraries...
Ellen Torgrimson
Adult Education.....Lois B. Payson
Historian.....Pauline Rich
Certification.....Catherine White
President.....Nina M. Ford

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6:45 Banquet.....Women's Residence Hall
(Informal dress) Northern Montana College
Miss Ruth A. Eismann, presiding
Dr. G. H. Vande Bogart, speaker - The State Wide Campus

Tuesday, May 8th Court House

9:00

Call to order
Minutes of Monday's meeting
Unfinished business
New Business

Libraries in relation to the Montana Study...
Discussion leader.....Ann Whitlack

County Library organization, a brief outline
of procedure.....Kathleen Campbell
Discussion leader.....Mrs. Amy Patterson

Local history material in libraries and the work
of the American Pioneer Trails Association...
Mrs. Julia McMullen
Discussion

Announcements
Adjournment

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Mrs. Alice Lange presiding
Mr. Robert Patterson, speaker - Montana Legislation

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Reports of Committees:
Certification
Resolutions
MSLA 1946 meeting
Nominating

Election and installation of officers

Remarks by president
Committee appointments for 1945-46

Announcements

Adjournment

4:00 Tea.....Home of Mrs. J. F. Likarish
Sponsored by the Havre Woman's Club

Library Visiting Havre Public Library
Northern Montana College Library
Havre High School Library

6:30 No-host dinner.....Dutch Shop

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Miss Evelyn Swant
Missoula Public Library
Missoula, Montana

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Hardin, Montana

32nd ANNUAL MEETING

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

HAVRE, MONTANA.

MAY 7-8, 1945.

The 32nd annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association was called to order by the President, Miss Nina Ford, on Monday, May, 7th, at 9:00 A. M. in the court room at the Hill County Court House. Twenty-three members were present.

Mayor J. A. Wright welcomed the librarians on behalf of the city of Havre. Miss Inez Ratekin, Vice President of the Association, responded to his welcome.

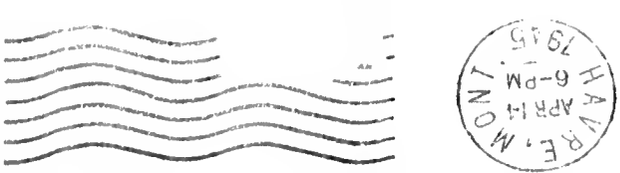
Miss Margie Ann Crawford, acting Secretary, due to the absence of the Secretary, Miss Evelyn Swant, read the minutes of the 1944 meeting.

Miss Ruth Eismann, MSLA Treasurer, gave the 1944-45 report as follows: Receipts $124.91. Dues Collected at Missoula meeting, $38.00. Dues collected during the year $41.00, making a total of $203.91. Expenses totalled $70.06, leaving a balance of $133.85.

Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, PNLA Membership chairman for Montana, reported 23 PNLA members to date. She urged more Montana librarians to become members of PNLA.

Miss Kathleen Campbell reported for the American Library Association Membership Committee and stated there were 48 ALA members in Montana as of April 1st.

Mrs. Lois Payson, as a PNLA Board representative, reported their group met in Seattle in November, Miss Adams, PNLA Treasurer, attending the meeting. The chief item of interest at this meeting was the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. Its need for support from libraries in the northwest was stressed. Miss Doris Wilson reported Montana libraries borrowed 67 pieces of material from the Northwest Bibliographic Center. Miss Kathleen Campbell, Montana Representative of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, stated that of the 21 libraries which were asked to give money, all but seven have cooperated and others offered token payments. She suggested that the librarians use their own discretion in determining their action with regard to this matter.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Miss Doris Wilson reported there is to be no new supplement to the MSLA Directory at this time, but a sheet of corrections had been made and was included in the March-April MSLA Bulletin. She also reported on the Readjustment Conference which strove to clarify needs and methods for veterans and youth groups.

Miss Kathleen Campbell, Legislative Chairman, and Miss Ratekin, Publicity Chairman, requested that their statements in the January-February issue of the BULLETIN be accepted as their reports.

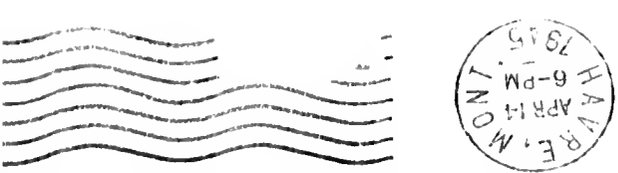
Miss Ann Whitmack, Representative for Federal Relations, reported that the American Library Association is attempting to establish a lobby or pressure group to try and integrate the libraries into the government and that the sum of $95.00 be given by Montana librarians for the library development fund. As yet, there was no news about some surplus items, but books were seemingly going to be retained by the government agencies for overseas use.

Miss Ellen Torgrimson reported for the County and Regional Libraries Committee that the organizing of new libraries was pending in Toole, Dawson, and Teton counties. Mrs. Roberts of Chouteau, who was present, reported on the action being taken there to get a county library. Prairie County has organized a library under the supervision of the County Supt. of Schools but nothing more was known about it. Glacier County Library is now functioning. With the new appropriation, the work done by the Commission will be of great value to the new projects. Miss Jean Lewis stated that work was being carried on in Ravalli County toward a county library system and that Lake and Fergus Counties were also making a start toward county libraries.

The acting secretary read the report prepared by M. Catharine White on certification procedures in other states and her suggestions for a practical one for Montana.

Miss Ford gave her report of her activities as the MSLA President. She expressed her appreciation of the help given her by her committees. The Executive committee found it necessary to have several meeting to discuss the legislative campaign. Contacts with many organizations were made about the campaign. She acted as the member from the Association at the Montana Study. A meeting with Miss Ireland was held and the matter of the proposed legislation taken up. Mr. Page and Mr. Hazelbaker were contacted and induced to introduce the proposed measures. A radio program was given for publicizing the legislative campaign. This broadcast was given during the time allotted to the University Hour. Miss Ford and Miss Campbell appeared at Helena for the hearings for the bills. Miss Ireland asked Miss Ford to serve on the board for the revision of secondary curriculum. A suggestion was made at this time to suggest to this board that the skill of using library facilities be taught to the students.

Letters, commending the MSLA on their successful legislative campaign, were read. They were from Carl Vitz, A.L.A. President; J. L. Gleason, Sec. of Montana School Boards Association; Ralph Esterquist, Director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center; Virginia Sanders, a former MSLA member; and Clara Main, a longtime MSLA member. A letter regarding the fact that the Montana State Library Association was now eligible to have a representative to the A.L.A. was read. It was written by Carl Milam, Executive Secretary of the A.L.A.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Bills amounting to $58.67 were presented and approved for payment.

Miss Ford made the following convention committee appointments:

Nominating Committee:
- Mrs. Payson
- Miss Sestak
- Mrs. Sweeney

Resolutions Committee:
- Miss Wilson
- Miss Bennett

Committee on Certification:
- Miss Lewis
- Miss Lundborg
- Miss Ratekin

Committee on MSLA in 1946:
- Mrs. Christiansen
- Mrs. Patterson
- Miss Whitmack

The meeting was then adjourned until afternoon.

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A luncheon was held at the Elk's Club. Miss Ellen Torgrimson presided and a talk on the Montana Study was given by Mr. Baker Brownell.

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The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Mabel Miller made a motion that the Association express their appreciation for the hard work which was done on the MSLA Legislative Campaign by Miss Campbell and Miss Ford. Miss Ratekin suggested that the Resolutions Committee take care of this in their resolutions.

A discussion of vocational standards of Montana librarians, based on Miss White's research paper on this subject, was presented by Miss Campbell. She asked the MSLA for their suggestion of a feasible plan for Certification in Montana. She stressed the fact that this would not be compulsory certification. Miss Ford called attention to the fact that this plan of Certification is not directed at any untrained or trained Montana librarians.

Miss Elsie Lundborg brought up the matter of the need for a short library course for small local libraries and schools. A discussion relative to this matter followed. It was suggested that recommendation be made to the State Dept. of Education that a course of library training be put into the public schools. Miss Lundborg suggested that the use of the library facilities and tools be worked into the regular academic courses. It was also suggested that teachers be required to take some sort of simple library course. Miss Ratekin requested that she be allowed a committee to cooperate on educational problems this coming year.

Mrs. Miller discussed the new employees pension plan which librarians are entitled to come under.

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A banquet was held at the Northern Montana College Women's Residence Hall on Monday evening. Miss Eismann presided and Dr. Van de Bogard, President of Northern Montana College was guest speaker. His subject was "The State Wide Campus". Miss Mitzi Myers of Great Falls, a student at the college presented several violin selections. A brief tribute to Miss Ellen Torgrimson, who is leaving the state was given by Miss Eismann.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A. M. Tuesday. This being V-E Day, Miss Ford spoke a few words on what it meant to each individual, and a moment of silent tribute was paid.

The minutes of Monday's meetings were read and a letter of best wishes to the success of the meeting from Miss Virginia Sanders was read.

A discussion on libraries in relation to the Montana Study was presented by Miss Whitmack. She told of her studies of agriculture and family relationships. The problem seems to be to get people to come back to the farms in Montana and remain there; and if our present institutions are to continue, the financial aid that came with the more numerous population must be had. The librarians' part in this problem is to understand the people's needs and be able to suggest and supply the books to fill this need.

Miss Campbell presented a discussion on county library organization in Montana. Procedures for starting libraries were outlined. She said many questions pour in to her on how much of a levy is necessary, the percentage of petition signers, etc. The tax levy is the only means of county support of libraries and ten per cent of the assessed population must sign the petition. Meetings must be held and advertised in order to establish the library. She advocated the establishment of regional libraries in some areas of Montana instead of a county library.

Mrs. Patterson directed a discussion on county library organization. She expressed her belief in the value of a bookmobile in areas where it is possible as a means of getting the books to the people. Miss Lewis and Miss Crawford gave reports on developments in their new county libraries.

Mrs. McMullen gave a talk on "Local History Material in Libraries and the work of the American Pioneer Trails Association". This project, as well as others, on our state history are of special interest to librarians and she also told of some publications issued in connection with the special project, and of what was being done in the state with regard to the Lewis and Clark Anniversary. Other members told of other projects and celebrations in this same field, and described scrapbooks, collections, etc., they were making of their local communities history. Miss Ford suggested that Montana writers be a future subject of discussion and Miss Campbell asked for material to be used in radio programs which the University Hour were planning.

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A luncheon was held at the Elk's Club. Mrs. Lange of Havre, presided and Mr. Robert Patterson of Havre, was guest speaker, who spoke on Montana Legislatures.

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Committee reports were the main item of business during the last session of the Association which was called at 2:00 P. M.

The Certification report was made by Miss Lewis, who made the following suggestions: The Certification is to be purely voluntary. Two alternatives for certification are possible: Persons now employed in libraries when the plan goes into effect may be given limited life certificates, good only in the particular library specified; they may obtain certificates based on their qualifications according to a point classification. A fee of $2.00 was suggested for each certificate issued. No decision as to whether the Certificates should be renewable or not was made.

At this time an interruption in the reports was made. A large world globe was presented the Havre Public Library by the local American Legion Post. One of their members made the presentation speech and Mrs. Lange, librarian of the Havre Public Library accepted the gift for the institution.

A report of the Resolutions Committee was made by Miss Wilson. The Secretary was instructed to enter them and to send copies to the following: Mr. Hazelbaker, Mr. Arnold, The Legislative Committee and their chairman pro-tem, Miss Ford.

An invitation to the Association to hold their next year's meeting at Helena was read by Mrs. Christiansen. This invitation was accepted.

The report of the nominating committee then followed: It was read by Mrs. Payson and was as follows. President, Miss Ratekin, Vice-President and president elect, Elsie Lundberg, Treasurer, Mrs. McMullen, Secretary, Margie Ann Crawford and ALA Councillor, Miss Catherine White.

Nominations from the floor were requested and it was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominees as selected by the committee.

Miss Ford then thanked the Association for their help and support during her year as President, and then handed the gavel to the new president, Miss Ratekin.

Miss Ratekin announced the following committee appointments:

Publicity Committee: Hazel Christiansen, Sally Whittier, Virginia Lucy.

Certification: Jeane Lewis, Mabel Miller, Bessie Sestak.

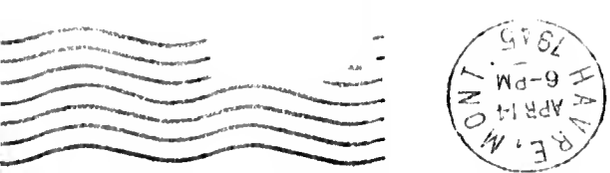
Legislation: Ruth Eismann, Miss Reynolds, Mary Lee Hall.

Membership: Mrs. McMullen, Treasurer, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Loretta Peck, Mrs. Ward, Miss Slipovich.

County & Regional libraries: Mrs. Patterson, Miss Swant, Mrs. Payson.

Adult Education: Lucile Speer, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Sweeney.

Education: Elsie Lundborg, Doris Wilson, Miss Griffith.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Historian: Pauline Rich.

MSLA Directory: Miss Wilson.

Federal Relations: Ann Whitmack.

Microfilm and Micro-Print: Mrs. Ackley, Mrs. Lange, Mrs. Oliver.

Miss Kathleen Campbell was appointed to represent MSLA on the State Library Commission.

The Publicity Committee was authorized to investigate the printing and subscription rate for the MSLA Bulletin and the Executive Committee was empowered to give their approval for the publication.

Miss Ratekin invited the Association Members to an observance of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Lincoln County Library on July 9th.

Miss Reynolds of Deer Lodge who attended the MSLA meeting for the first time arose and expressed her pleasure in the meeting. Several other "first-timers" added their approval to her statements.

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Following the adjournment of the final meeting, Librarians were guests to a delightful tea sponsored by the Havre Woman's club at the home of Mrs. John F. Likarish. The Havre Public Library and the Northern Montana College Library were visited after the tea. A no-host dinner was held in the evening at the Up and Up cafe, at which time Jeanne Bennett, another Montana librarian leaving for the East, was given a farewell.

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The following letter was read at the state meeting and will be kept in the Associations' History book.

Kin-Bruwaert House,
Hinsdale, Illinois.

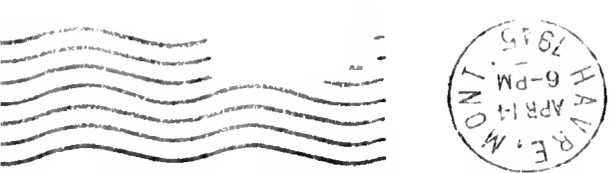
4/16/1945

Dear Miss Ratekin:

I hereby express my grateful appreciation to the MSLA for retaining me on its mailing list. Every bi-monthly issue of the Bulletin has been read with interest, but the January-February issue which came yesterday caps them all.

My congratulations to the Association and to each and every member for at last attaining the goal for which we fought, bled and died every time the Montana Legislature met.

Did you know that I was the first appointee on the Library Commission? Just why is a secret that has never been divulged but perhaps Gov. Erickson had a reason.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The ex-officio members were Miss Ireland, then as now State Supt. of Public Instruction and Miss Gertrude Buckhous, head of the State University Library. By virtue of their offices they had funds for traveling, but yours truly, had none, so our meetings were few. When I attended my nephew's wedding at Missoula, Miss Ireland came over and we held a session. Then, when the D. A. R. sent me as a delegate to Helena, Miss Buckhouse came and we met again. I can't recall that we accomplished anything.

Other ardent workers for the cause of libraries in Montana were Miss Powell, head of the county and city libraries at Missoula, later a librarian at Buffalo, New York: Miss Josephine Haley, who preceded Mrs. Miller at Helena; Mrs. Garber of Billings, later in county library work in Wyoming and Miss Fernald. Mrs. Benson arrived on the scene later but was also enthusiastic in her desire for better library service in Montana.

You see what a train of memories has been aroused. Wishing the best of the good things of life,

Sincerely,

Clara M. Lain.

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APPOINTMENTS

Miss Margie Ann Crawford, recently the county librarian for Glacier County, at Cut Bank, started her new duties as the county librarian of Chouteau County Free Library, at Fort Benton, on June 1st.

Mrs. Ruth Longworth, of near Miles City, is the new librarian of Glacier County. She will report for work about July 1st. Mrs. Oliver is acting librarian until that time. Mrs. Longworth worked for a number of years in the Brigantine Branch of the Atlantic County, New Jersey library and will complete a library course at the Denver University this month.

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Miss Inez Ratekin has been appointed by Miss Eleanor Stephens, President of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, to fill the vacancy on the committee on Salaries, Staff and Tenure of PNLA, caused by the resignation of Miss Ellen Torgrimson, who is leaving this district. Miss Julia Stockett of Vancouver, B. C. is the chairman.

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The P.N.L.A. committee mentioned above is making a study on library salaries in the Pacific Northwest and libraries servicing at least a population of 10,000 or with appropriations of $10,000 a year are being asked to report. Report sheets will be sent to those libraries shortly and the results will be summarized in the committee's conclusions to be included in a future issue of the PNLA Quarterly.

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

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The following article is taken from the Great Falls Tribune and is included verbatim for it shows the high regard held for the retiring friends and the cordial welcome to the newcomer. The members of the Montana State Library Association extend their best wishes to the three ladies and hope that the life of the two "retirers" is very happy and that they will continue their interest in our Association. The "newcomer" really isn't a true one--just a "come-backer" and we hope that she enjoys her new position.

VETERANS OF FALLS LIBRARY RESIGN AFTER LONG SERVICE

After devoting an aggregate of 68 years to the development of the Great Falls public library and becoming known to nearly every child and most of the adults in the city, Louise M. Fernald, librarian, and Josephine E. Trigg, children's librarian, have concluded their service with the institution. Appointment of Margaret Fulmer of Evanston, Ill., as librarian was announced Tuesday by Mayor Fritz Norby.

Resignations of Miss Fernald and Miss Trigg were due to ill health. Miss Fernald has been librarian for 33 years, while Miss Trigg has been connected with the library for 35 years.

EXPRESS REGRETS

Norby said the resignations had been accepted by the board of library trustees with sincere regret and emphasized the great services performed by Miss Fernald and Miss Trigg in the advancement of the cultural and educational lives of thousands of persons and the city.

Miss Fulmer Tuesday afternoon wired her acceptance of the position of librarian. She is a native of Concordia, Kan., and graduated from the Hastings, Neb., high school, Hastings college and the University of Nebraska. She also studied at the University of Wisconsin and Columbia university.

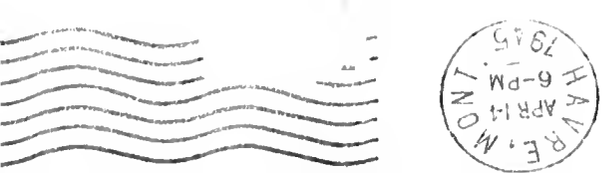
She was assistant librarian of the Carnegie library at Hastings from 1925 to 1927 and from 1930 to 1933 was reference librarian of the North Dakota state library commission at Bismarck. From 1933 to 1936 was librarian at Hastings and from 1936 to 1944 was head of the public library at Billings. Since 1944 she has been an assistant of the public library association in Chicago.

CAPABLE EXECUTIVE

She was selected by the local board from a number of applicants and both Miss Fernald and Miss Trigg declared that the new library head is a highly qualified, capable executive.

Miss Fernald graduated from the Pratt Institute for Librarians at Brooklyn, N.Y., the institution being one of the first in the nation to train library personnel. For several years she was librarian at Rochester, Minn., and in December, 1912, came to Great Falls to head the local institution.

Her standing in Montana library circles is attested to by the fact that she twice served as president of the Montana Librarians association. During her service, functions of the library increased greatly and the number of volumes increased from approzimately 18,000 to more than 57,000.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CAME HERE IN 1888

Miss Trigg was born in Bronson, Mich., and she came to Great Falls in 1888. She was one of four in the first Great Falls high school graduating class in 1893. In 1894 she became supervisor of music and drawing in Great Falls schools. Expansion of the department resulted two years later in Miss Trigg being assigned to the art work.

In 1909 Miss Trigg worked without pay for six months under the supervision of Jennie M. Connor, who completed the course in children's library work at the Carnegie library at Pittsburgh. After this period of supervision, Miss Trigg in 1910 became children's librarian.

In commenting on their retirement, Miss Fernald and Miss Trigg declared that they had derived the greatest happiness in helping children to gain a true appreciation of reading and the acquirement of knowledge and pleasure through books. Many of these "children" now are middle-aged leaders of the community.

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OUR BULLETIN

As you read in the Convention news we are trying to arrange it so that our BULLETIN can be put into print instead of being mimeographed by the few libraries with facilities to do so. Aside from the added attractiveness there will be the sharing of expense by all who will.

There can be no compulsory payment--it must be voluntary on the part of each library. Bulletins will be sent to all MSLA members whether they contribute or not but we hope that all will wish to support the project. We feel that we should try it for a year at least.

Will you please indicate by postal card or letter, to Mrs. Hazel Christiansen, Publicity Chairman, Hardin, Montana, your institution's willingness to contribute either token payments or according to the scale as follows:

50¢ for each $100. of your book purchasing budget--with a minimum of 50¢ and a maximum of $10.00.

Please give this your earnest attention and let Mrs. Christiansen know your decision as soon as possible, telling what you will or will not contribute. The payments need not all come in right now, but we must know what to plan on.

In regard to news for the BULLETIN. With the new plan the Publicity Committee will edit all of the issues and this should make it easier for everyone to send in contributions. Won't you send any news about your or a neighboring library as soon as you know about it and then the editors can plan to include them. Deadlines will be the first of the second month of each bi-monthly issue beginning with the July-August date. But don't wait until the last of July to send in--start sending items right away--to Mrs. Christiansen. Let's have a snappy, newsy BULLETIN ! ! !

The current issue is the cooperative effort of Mrs. Christiansen, Editor, Inez Ratekin in charge of making stencils, and Mrs. Payson in charge of mimeographing and addressing.


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A QUARTER-CENTURY OF A.L.A.

The American Library Association this year marks its twenty-fifth anniversary under the secretaryship of Carl H. Milam, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the "Enlarged Program." For the library profession, and for the A.L.A., these have been twenty-five creative years, which have brought out the best that many librarians have had to give, and which have broadened the scope of library service far beyond its conception in 1920.

The importance of the Enlarged Program lies in its adoption by the A.L.A. at a time when optimism about the future ran high; and when energy and vision were available for its gradual accomplishment over the next quarter century. The leaders of the '20s put their best thought into this plan for an expanded, more vital A.L.A. All over the nation there was an appetite for progress.

Librarians were elated over their excellent record of service in the first World War which had been made possible by adequate funds and a united professional front. They were reluctant to let the impetus die, before it contributed to a peacetime program of equal proportions.

But the pre-war A.L.A. was incapable of what its leaders now expected of it. H ence the Enlarged Program, which took the future firmly in hand, mapped it out, called for funds totalling $2,000,000, and recommended the reorganization and expansion of headquarters.

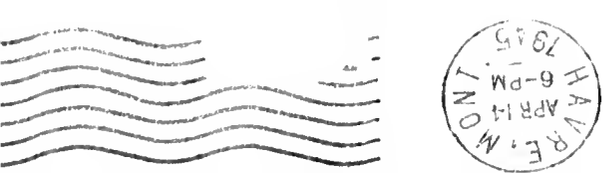
The areas of library service destined for future importance as visualized in 1920 are interesting. They were library extension, including children's and school libraries; work with the foreign-born; adult education; books for the blind; institutional and special libraries; a program of international good will; general publicity; professional publishing; personnel standards and welfare; and follow-up on A.L.A.'s war service to the merchant marine, war industries and hospitalized veterans.

Looking at A.L.A. as it was then, it is possible to see how over-ambitious the Program sounded. There was almost no machinery to coordinate efforts or to assemble information in most of these fields. "Library extension" and "adult education" were such new ideas that there were not even volunteer committees in their behalf.

The officers of A.L.A. and the authors of the Program did not suppose that all its objectives could be accomplished within a few months, or even within a few years. They thought it would take at least three years to raise the necessary money and to build up an organization equipped to handle the new and enlarged duties of the A.L.A.

Although librarians did not contribute the $2,000,000 which could have put the Program into operation immediately, the Association has managed to carry out most of its objectives piece-meal. In some cases, the Association has far outstripped the Program. In others the objectives have changed. Some of the goals have not yet been reached, and some new goals have been added.

But in the main, the Enlarged Program has been carried out. The best proof of this is the fact that it is no longer regarded as "enlarged". Where some of the A.L.A.'s 4500 members in 1920 considered it a fanciful pipe-dream, most of A.L.A.'s 15,000 members today take its definition of A.L.A.'s job for granted.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MONTANA FEDERATED CLUBS DO THEIR BIT

The Federated Woman's Clubs of Montana are and have always been active in the field of library service. Many of our libraries have been started by these clubs and later taken over by the cities and counties and many clubs still operate them where there is a need. Whether actually running a library or donating books or magazines they have library interests at heart. We thought that members of the Montana Library Association might be interested in the annual Library Service Report of the State Federation for the year ending March 1, 1945.

LIBRARY SERVICE DIVISION, M.F.W.C.

The War Service Library Division received reports from 62 clubs and the Department of Education Library Service Division from 77. The information on them showed that Montana women are aware of the need in this field.

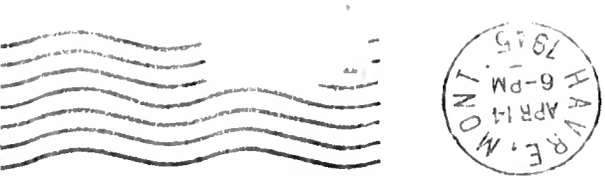
Our main objective this year was the support of the legislation sponsored by the Montana State Library Association to amend the State Library Extension Commission law and to secure an appropriation for this Commission. Everyone was glad when both bills passed, but we must keep on the alert to cooperate with the new Commission to improve library service in our state. The following clubs report that they supported these meaures: BAKER, CENTURY (Kalispell), CONRAD, CUSTER, EAST HELENA, EKALAKA STUDY, FORT BENTON, HARLOWTON, HOUSEKEEPER'S CLUB (Bozeman), JOLIET, LAUREL, LEWISTOWN, LIBBY, LIBBY JUNIORS, MALTA, MARIAN WHITE ARTS AND CRAFTS (Butte), MISSOULA, MODERN ARTS (Lewistown), PLAINS, SULA, SUPERIOR, TROY, WEST SIDE COMMUNITY,(Billings), WISE RIVER--we know there are more that worked but did not report.

The honor roll of clubs sponsoring, managing or maintaining libraries where there is a need includes--BELGRADE, BELT, BRIDGER, CHOTEAU, CONRAD (turned over to city last year), CULBERTSON, FAIRFIELD, FROID, HARLOWTON, HIGHWOOD, HOBSON, HOT SPRINGS, HYSHAM, MONTECAHTO,(Polson), MILES CITY JUNIORS (at their local hospital), ORCHARD HOMES (Missoula), PHILLIPSBURG JUNIORS, ROUNDUP, SIDNEY, WIBAUX, WISDOM, WOLF POINT JUNIORS. CUT BANK for years has sponsored their library but this last year the Club sponsored the movement for a county library and steered the petitions and resolutions to a successful conclusion. They now have a Glacier County Library with a trained librarian and they are going right on working by supporting the new institution. WOLF POINT reports a discussion on county libraries.

Donations in the form of books, magazines and subscriptions, cash, and other means of cooperation were made to their libraries by BIG TIMBER, CIRCLE, DEER LODGE, FAIRFIELD, GLACIER PARK, GLENDIVE, HARLOWTON JUNIORS, HAVRE, LAUREL, LEWISTOWN, LIVINGSTON, MALTA, MILES CITY, MODERN ARTS (Lewistown), MOORE, MOORE JUNIORS, PHILLIPSBURG, PLAINS, RED LODGE, ROUNDUP, SHAKESPEARE (Dillon), TROY.

Several clubs gave books and magazines for use by the armed services at different places, U.S.O., A.W.V.S., Fort Missoula and Fort Harrison. These were: ANACONDA JUNIORS, BILLINGS, CONRAD, EAST HELENA, FAIRFIELD, GLACIER PARK, HELENA HOMER (Butte), LAUREL, LIBBY JUNIORS, MISSOULA, MOORE JUNIORS, RED LODGE JUNIORS, Magazines were given to Galen by DEER LODGE and HELENA.

Miscellaneous items included use of the local library, club members on boards, book reviews, etc. and were sent in by ANACONDA, BAKER, BEARCREEK, BILLINGS, BOZEMAN, BUTTE, CENTURY (Kalispell), CONRAD, DARBY, GREAT FALLS, HARLEM, HAVRE, GLENDIVE, HELENA, LIBBY, LIVINGSTON JUNIORS, MODERN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ARTS (Lewistown), MALTA, MOORE, ROUNDUP, SIDNEY, THOMPSON FALLS, WISE RIVER, WOMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB (Loring). EAST HELENA plans to add to the G.F.W.C. library and GREAT FALLS and FORT BENTON donate our state and national club magazines to their local libraries.

Space does not permit a detailed account of the many activities reported but they all helped to brighten Montana's library corners.

Inez Ratekin, Chairman, Lib.Ser.M.F.W.C.

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PLEASE NOTE

The Columbia University School of Library Service Library has requested copies of our BULLETIN up to v.6 no.3. Will anyone having extra copies please communicate with me so that we may get as many numbers as possible and yet have no duplicates. Mr. D. B. Hepburn, Supervisor of the Acquisitions Department made the request through Miss Lucile Speer, Documents and Serials Librarian of our Montana State University Library.

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Several of the libfarians have been discussing the BLUE CROSS PLAN, the hospital service plan that so many groups are joining. Any library having five or more staff members would not be eligible since they could - if they joined 100% - have a unit of their own. But among the smaller libraries there are about 35 eligible members on our membership list and if at least 60% of us want to form a unit and pay through our treasurer we could do so. I have copies of folders describing the plan which I will be happy to send out at request. If enough members are interested we will try to proceed with this. The benefits are quite outstanding and the plan seems to be worthy of serious consideration.

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Our Convention at Havre was a happy affair with friendliness nicely joined with serious intent. The success of our legislative campaign, as Miss Ford reminded us, is but the beginning and is a direct challenge to everyone of us to keep posted on library news over the state and do everything possible to help the new Commission which should come to life in July.

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In taking the Presidency of this Association I do so with the earnest wish that members will write me often and send suggestions on what can be done this year to further library service in Montana. Please -- all of you -- consider yourselves on the membership committee to help those named especially. We need contacts in every section of our state and in all types of libraries.

Inez Ratekin, President, M.S.L.A.

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